4.87M Filipinos have no jobs, says NSO

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PAMBABAE NA ITO!

New ROTC attracts women

By Jovelyn Reyes
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—Women are invading what was once an all-male domain in

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Bong to head Video Regulatory Board

By Dona Pazzibugan and Leah Salterio

REVILLA

SEN. Ramon Revilla's son and namesake is now the new chair of the Video Regulatory Board—an appointment that observers

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FPJ insists he is not running

By Leah Salterio and PDI Northern Luzon and Visayas Bureaus

ACTION king Fernando Poe Jr. has no intention of running for president despite overtures from the opposition to make him its standard-bearer in 2004, his longtime spokesperson yesterday said.

"He said it before and he will say it again, he is not interested in politics," Susan Tagle told the INQUIRER.

Besides, "the presidency is not something you just jump into," Tagle said. "He (Poe) has no experience. I don't think anyone or anything can convince him."

Tagle was reacting to the INQUIRER banner story on Monday that the opposition was keen on fielding Poe as its presidential candidate.

She also said calling the coming presidential election a battle between "Ang Panday" and "Ang Pandak" was "in bad taste."

"Ang Panday" refers to Poe, who played the hero in the fantasy movie series, and "Ang Pandak," to President Macapagal-Arroyo. (***See related story on this page.***)

Even if he is the best friend of deposed President Joseph Estrada, the action king will not consider running for an elective post, according to Tagle.

She confirmed though that Poe had been asked countless times to run for the top government post.

A congressman said over the weekend that Estrada had already convinced his best friend to run for president against Ms Macapagal in 2004.

Poe has in fact been going around the country to "see how people will react to him" without organized support, according to the congressman.

Estrada said on Sunday that Poe was just one of the

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WHAT'S THE BUZZ? President Macapagal listens to House Deputy Speaker Raul Gonzalez during a visit to Iloilo City on Monday. VAL HANDUMON

Mike A comes to GMA defense; PDI apologizes

(Editor's note: Below is First Gentleman Mike Arroyo's letter in reaction to the INQUIRER banner story of Monday's issue, "Erap eyes FPJ for 2004," and the editors' reply.)

Mr. Isagani Yambot
Publisher
Philippine Daily Inquirer
Makati City

Dear Mr. Yambot:

IT IS simply appalling to see a newspaper as respected as yours going extra personal in an obvious attempt to attract readers' attention for today's issue at the expense of President Arroyo.

I refer to the sub-headline of your banner story "Ang Panday to battle Ang Pandak?"

We all have our own imperfections. I'm sure you will agree that to play with anybody's imperfection in pursuit of vested interest is a disrespect at the very least and no one would want to be subjected to it.

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3 congressmen bare administration offers to Biazon, Revilla

By Juliet L. Javellana, Rocky Nazareno and Cynthia D. Balana

THE ADMINISTRATION has offered deals to Senators Rodolfo Biazon and Ramon Revilla to maintain its hold on the leadership in the Senate come July 22, according to three congressmen.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, the congressmen told the INQUIRER in separate interviews that the planned appointment of Ignacio Bunye as press secretary was meant to clear the way for Biazon's son, Muntinlupa Rep. Rozzano Rufino "Ruffy" Biazon, to run unopposed for a second term in 2004.

"Something like that, yes," said a ranking officer of the ruling Lakas-NUCD in confirming the offer.

Another congressman belonging to the ruling coalition said one of the deals offered to Revilla was to include his son Ramon Jr. (Bong) in the senatorial slate of the administration party in 2004—something that the young Biazon said he had also heard.

The source said a second offer had something to do with the alleged loans of Revilla's son-in-law, Sen. Robert Jaworski, from government financial institutions. He mentioned an amount, but the INQUIRER could not immediately verify it.

Jaworski is with the Senate opposition. Revilla, who is in the United States recuperating from surgery, had said he would stick with the administration.

While all this is going on, and in the face of Sen. Loren

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GMA aide says opponents can't measure up to her

By Carlito Pablo

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo may be vertically challenged but her political opponents cannot measure up to her in terms of qualifications, achievements and winnability in the 2004 presidential election.

Thus declared Jose Ma. Rufino, presidential adviser on political affairs, in reaction to the INQUIRER's banner story on Monday that referred to his boss as "Ang Pandak." In Filipino, "*pandak*" means a short person.

The story dealt with a supposed emerging contest in the 2004 elections between the President, who stands 4'11", and action king Fernando Poe Jr., deposed President Joseph Estrada's best friend. Poe played the role of "Ang Panday" in the movie of the same title.

The "Ang Panday"-versus-"Ang Pandak" scenario had circulated in the text messaging circuit a few months ago, referring to Poe and Ms Macapagal.

"Her opponents may be popular actors and other pretenders *pero hindi sila makaka-kalahati kay* GMA," Rufino said in a phone interview. "They are by far long shots compared to our champion."

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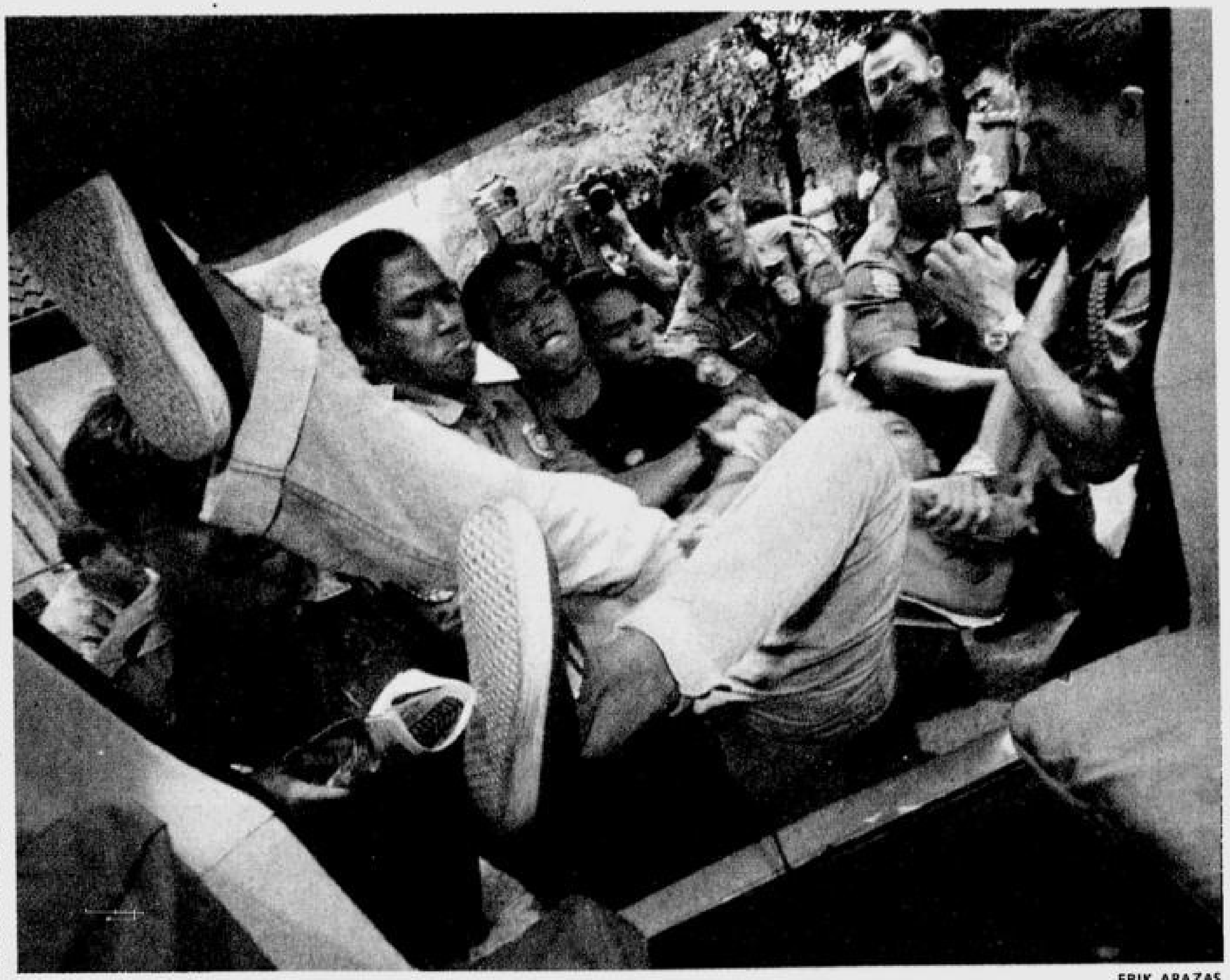
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PROTEST KICKOFF
Policemen arrest a student activist who was among those who staged a rally in front of Malacañang to protest the new curriculum being implemented by the Department of Education. Classes in most schools opened yesterday. *(Story in Metro, Page A24.)*

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DR. Ferdinand Eder Mutuc helps health workers administer anti-polio drops in San Teodoro, Oriental Mindoro.

Barrio docs say service comes first

By Gerald G. Lacuarta

A GRADUATE of the University of the Philippines, 29-year-old Mar Wynn Bello volunteered to become a barrio doctor two years ago. This year, he accepted a pay cut.

He decided to stay on Calayan Island, Cagayan, as municipal health officer. Calayan is 12 hours away by boat from Cagayan proper.

Bello said he readily accepted the offer because he had come to like the place and love its people, even if he had to forego visits to his family in Cagayan and a lucrative private practice.

"I wanted to see the fruits of the work we started," he told the INQUIRER.

In his first two years in Calayan, Bello had succeeded in increasing the town's health budget from about a million two years ago to P1.6 million today.

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AFP: Martin was high-risk case

By Volt Contreras

(Second of two parts)

SPECIAL REPORT

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Martin Burnham's chances of surviving any rescue attempt had always been low, but US military officials privy to the plans accepted the bleak odds, the INQUIRER learned over the weekend.

The highest-ranking AFP official in Mindanao said that during the planning stages of "Operation Daybreak," the final attempt to rescue Martin and Gracia Burnham and Edibora Yap from the Abu Sayyaf, US military officials who contributed technical support to the mission were not optimistic that Martin would survive.

They "accepted that the chances that Martin would survive would be very low," Southern Command chief Maj. Gen. Ernesto Carolina said.

The "worst-case" scenarios factored into the plan presumed that Martin would be handcuffed or chained to an Abu Sayyaf bandit, and that he would probably be the most tightly guarded among the three hostages, Carolina said.

That was why pursuing troops were under instructions to first find the one bandit Martin was cuffed or chained to and then to hit the bandit so that Martin would fall to the ground with him—"and Martin would be safe."

But if Martin's guard managed to run away, dragging the hostage with him, then "that would be bad," Caro-

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ANG DAMING BAGONG GRADUATES PA!

4.87M Filipinos have no jobs–NSO

All regions except ARMM posted double-digit unemployment rate

By Doris C. Dumlao

UNEMPLOYMENT rate in the Philippines as of last April was the highest recorded in two years.

Labor force survey results showed yesterday that the total number of unemployed Filipinos two months ago stood at 4.87 million, up from 4.46 million in the same period last year.

An indication that the economy did not expand fast enough to create more job opportunities, the figures inched up to 13.9 percent, from 13.3 percent a year ago. It was also a sharp rise from 10.3 percent in January this year.

The National Statistics Office, which gathers unemployment data for every third month—in January, April, July, and October—reported that the country's labor force increased to 35.1 million, or by 4.3 percent from a year ago, when about 86.1 percent of the force was employed.

Traditionally, however, unemployment is highest in April, when fresh college graduates swell the labor market. In April 2000, unemployment percentage to labor force likewise hit 13.9.

All regions except the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao posted a double-digit unemployment rate. Metro Manila came in highest, with 20.3 percent, the NSO report said. This was due to job-seekers flocking to the capital from the country's poorer areas, the report added.

With about 7.084 million eligible for work in the metropolis, about a million are looking for work, up from about 600,000 for the same period last year.

The unemployment rates for other regions were: Central Visayas, 15.4 percent; Ilocos, 15.2 percent; Central Luzon, 15 percent; Central Mindanao, 13.5 percent; Western Visayas, 13.4 percent; Southern Tagalog, 13 percent; Southern Mindanao, 12.7 percent; Bicol, 12.4 percent; Caraga, 11.6 percent; Western Mindanao, 11.1 percent; Northern Mindanao, 10.9 percent; Cagayan Valley, 10.6 percent; and Eastern Visayas, 10.2 percent.

Biggest surge in number of jobs taken was recorded in the services sector, which expanded by 6.6 percent. The sector's share in the total employment figures increased from 46.2 percent to 47.5, making it the country's top employer during the period, vis-à-vis agriculture's share of 37.4 percent, and the industrial sector's 16 percent.

The agriculture and industrial sectors posted increases in employment of 1 percent and 0.7 percent, respectively, but their share in total employment declined by 0.9 percent and 0.4 percent.

"This should not be cause for alarm," said economist Jose Vistan of AB Capital Securities. "It's just telling us that the growth in the labor force is much faster than the economy's ability to generate jobs." He stressed that the labor force indicated how personal consumption expenditure would help drive economic growth.

On the other hand, Eagle Equities president Joseph Roxas said the robust first-quarter performance of some sectors was a positive development, despite their lowered share in total employment figures.

"The agriculture sector hired less people, and yet produced well," he said. "This means that the sector is becoming more efficient."

The Philippine domestic economy expanded by 3.8 percent in the first quarter of the year, up from 2.9 percent growth a year ago, led by the services sector, which expanded by 4.8 percent.

Due to bountiful harvests of *palay*, or unmilled rice, the agriculture, forestry and fishery sector grew by 4.4 percent from 3 percent a year ago.

The industry sector likewise managed to expand by 1.9 percent, up from 0.6 percent growth a year ago. The slowdown in the manufacturing sector and contraction in utilities, like electricity, gas and water, was offset by the turnaround in mining/quarrying and construction.

Meanwhile, the NSO reported that of the total number of people employed, 5.9 million or 19.6 percent were underemployed, or desired more hours of productive work. ***With reports from AP, Reuters, and PDI Research***

Earlier PNP change of command set

By TJ Burgonio

DIRECTOR General Leandro Mendoza, outgoing chief of the Philippine National Police, will turn over his post to Deputy Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. two weeks earlier than scheduled, officials said yesterday.

This came after President Macapagal-Arroyo ordered Mendoza to assume his new post as transportation secretary as soon as possible, said acting PNP spokesperson Chief Supt. Crescencio Maralit.

"To avoid any leadership vacuum in the PNP, the desire of the PNP chief is to turn over his command as soon as possible to General Ebdane. The turnover will possibly take place late this week or early next week," he said.

"The latest advice is that this will happen most likely on Friday, but still everything depends on the schedule of the President."

The turnover was initially set for the first week of July.

Top police officials, led by Deputy Director Generals Edgar Galvante and Rex Piad, presided over a hastily called coordinating command conference in the afternoon to discuss preparations for the turnover rites.

MENDOZA

EBDANE

They, however, sought to downplay the conference. "There's no definite date yet for the turnover. This is just our usual way of preparing (for the affair)," said Piad, chief of the PNP Directorial Staff.

Both Mendoza and Ebdane, chief of the National Anti-Crime Commission Anti-KFR Task Force (Naktaf) and deputy chief for administration, were called to a meeting in Malacañang.

Ms Macapagal appointed Mendoza to the top post of the Department of Transportation and Communications after Transportation Secretary Pantaleon Alvarez resigned after being repeatedly bypassed by the Commission on Appointments.

Maralit admitted that a reshuffle in the police organization was inevitable following the transfer of command, but said that this would be implemented after the July 15 synchronized barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections.

"This will be done after the elections," he said.

If Ebdane wants to implement a reshuffle this month, he has to seek clearance from the Commission on Elections en banc, Piad said.

While Ebdane has yet to assume the top PNP post, speculations were rife that he would appoint certain police officials of his choice to key directorial posts when he becomes PNP chief.

Maralit, director for police community relations, added that a revamp was necessary in view of the retirement of police officials. As of yesterday, eight police generals have retired.

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27 gov't hospitals 'toxic'

By A. Nocum

ENVIRONMENT and Church groups have tagged 27 government hospitals as among those contributing to the spread of toxic wastes.

At yesterday's observance of the Global Day of Action Against Waste Incineration, groups led by Greenpeace-Southeast Asia submitted a petition paper to President Macapagal-Arroyo and Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit seeking the phase-out of incinerators in government hospitals.

Greenpeace said it had conducted a study on some of the hospitals and found that apart from toxic emission, the mishandling of ash from burned hospital wastes was also contributing to other health hazards.

The group said ash samples from the National Orthopedic Center, Batangas Regional Hospital, Regional Institute for Tropical Medicine, and East Avenue Medical Center were found to contain "elevated levels of toxic heavy metals" including lead, chromium, cadmium and mercury.

"Greenpeace likewise exposed the practice of dumping ash from medical waste incinerators into landfills, as well as the practice of mixing it with waste to be hauled off by municipal waste contractors," the group said in a statement.

Francis de la Cruz of Greenpeace said the incinerators were procured in 1996 as part of an Australian aid package. They cost $20 million, or half a billion pesos.

"The government should start thinking about putting up an alternative non-incinerator medical waste strategy," De la Cruz told the INQUIRER in an interview.

Greenpeace, along with the Caritas Manila, Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternative, Health Care Without Harm (HCWH), and National Secretariat for Social Action, yesterday held a dialogue with Health Undersecretary Antonio Lopez and other health officials.

Lopez told the group that while the Department of Health was committed to abide by the provisions of the Clean Air Act, the government did not have the money to set up a medical waste disposal system that did not use incinerators.

Incinerator emission and ash residues have been blamed for the contamination of the environment and food supply. Incineration was found to contaminate breast milk and cause cancer, reproductive disorders, immune system dysfunction and birth defects.

Poll body warned vs Matibag petition

By Blanche S. Rivera

THE COMMISSION on Elections is in danger of violating a Supreme Court ruling if it reinstates a former Comelec director accused of masterminding the murder of a rival in the poll body.

In a ruling released in April, the Supreme Court junked the petition of lawyer Angelina Matibag who questioned her dismissal as head of the Comelec education and information department.

The Supreme Court said Matibag could not hold on to her post because she is not a career executive service officer, and does not hold career service executive eligibility, which are necessary qualifications for holding the position of director IV.

"Obviously, petitioner does not enjoy security of tenure," the court said in a 38-page ruling promulgated on April 2.

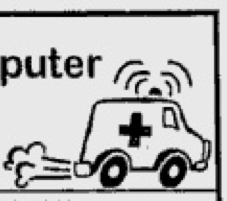
Reappointed Comelec Commissioner Resurreccion Borra said that based on the Supreme Court ruling, Matibag "definitely cannot be reappointed" even as the en banc is set to discuss her motion for reconsideration.

Borra said it was merely a last-ditch attempt on the part of Matibag to lobby for her reappointment as chief of the Comelec EID because the high tribunal has already decided on her lack of qualification.

"The Comelec en banc cannot overrule the Supreme Court" on the Matibag case, Borra said during the turnover ceremony at the Comelec main office yesterday.

Matibag had asked the Supreme Court to stop her transfer from the EID to the Comelec law department, saying former Comelec chair Alfredo Benipayo did not have the authority to reassign employees because he had not yet been confirmed by the Commission on Appointments.

Newly appointed Comelec chair Benjamin Abalos Sr. again assured his new constituents that he would respect their term of office in the Comelec and would not dismiss employees.



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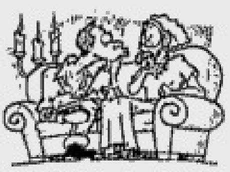

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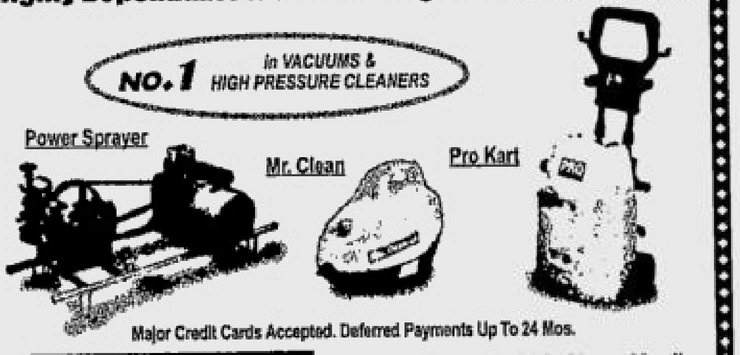

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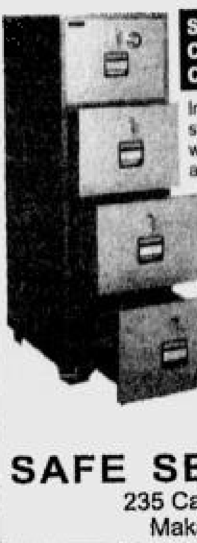

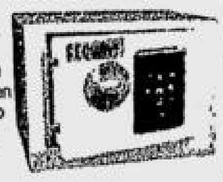

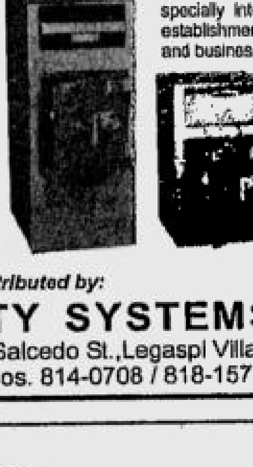

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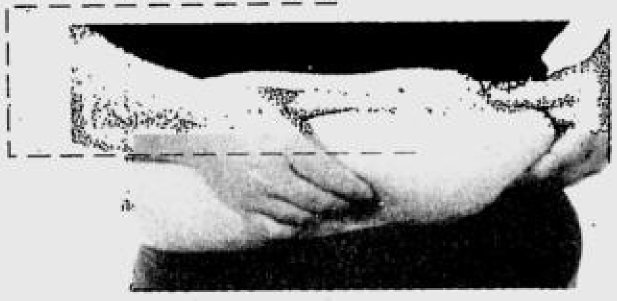

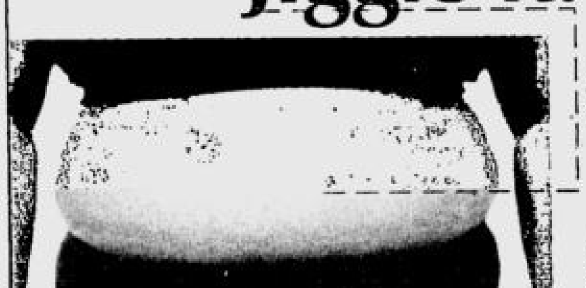

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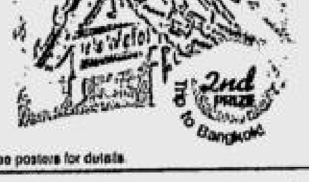

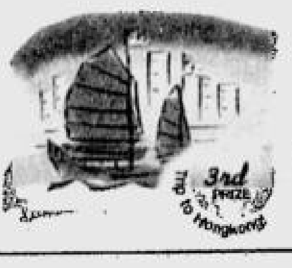

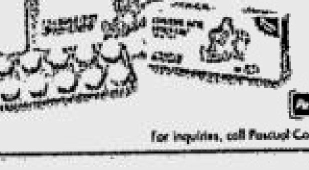

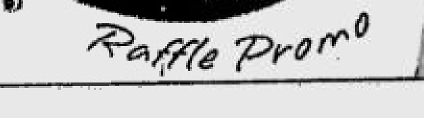

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SCHOOL OPENING BLUES

DepEd: 'No major hitches'

By Donna S. Cueto

REPORTS reaching Education Secretary Raul Roco from his regional directors and field officials nationwide were of classes opening "smoothly" and "without major hitches" yesterday.

Radio and television aired interviews of NCR principals saying they were adequately prepared for the implementation of the controversial Revised Basic Education Curriculum (RBEC) which piloted in public schools.

Conceding the fact that the usual school opening problems—lack of teachers, classrooms, and supplies—were still felt in "some areas," the Department of Education's official statement was that these had been greatly, and visibly, reduced.

Roco could not see this for himself, though. His staff said he did not make school rounds because he was called to Malacañang, where hundreds of students and teachers held demonstrations against the RBEC.

In fact, for militant teachers nationwide, it was a day of protest against the new curriculum, even as about 17 million elementary and high school students trooped back to public schools, the "pilot schools" for the RBEC.

According to the Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT), members from Quezon City, Manila, Pasig City and Central Luzon marched to Mendiola yesterday. The alliance mounted similar protest actions against the revised curriculum in Baguio City, Samar, Panay and Davao City.

In a statement, ACT said much of the uproar was rooted in the fact that RBEC's conceptualization, dissemination and implementation did not go through an exhaustive consultation process with teachers, parents and students.

The new curriculum, however, was just one of many factors that reportedly contributed to yesterday's "confusion."

In Quezon City's Lagro and Commonwealth High Schools, ACT said, classes were held because of the shortage of teachers and classrooms.

"It was chaotic," ACT deputy secretary general Raymund Villanueva said. "There were up to 70 students per class. And in Batasan High School, classes were held at the covered courts."

DepEd said the situation was better in many other schools. In fact, Education Undersecretary Ramon Bacani said, this year's school opening was a bit more organized than usual.

But he admitted there were schools where classes could not start because the teachers were accommodating late enrollees. "In the next few days, the situation will normalize," Bacani said.

Bacani also admitted that the DepEd needed to recruit more teachers, to cut down the size of big classes to at least 50 or 60 students.

Last school year, Bacani said, teacher shortage was estimated at 37,000. DepEd hired 15,000 new teachers this school year, cutting the shortage down to 22,000.

In Baguio City, at least 20 members of militant and student organizations staged a noise barrage on Session Road to protest tuition increase.

The noise barrage was led by members of the National Union of Students in the Philippines (NUSP), League of Filipino Students (LFS), Student Christian Movement of the Philippines and ACT.

"We urge the Commission on Higher Education to regulate, if not stop, increases in tuition, miscellaneous and other school fees," said Napoleon Sangawan Jr., NUSP secretary general. "We also push for the investigation and punishment of schools that charge excessive fees."

The groups said seven colleges and universities in Baguio City and Benguet were set to increase tuition and miscellaneous fees by three to 15 percent this school year.

On the bright side, in Zambales, the municipal government of Botolan distributed 7,243 free school bags and school supplies to elementary schoolchildren in 23 villages.

Botolan Mayor Roger Yap said it was part of the Balik Aral program to promote education especially among low-income families and Aeta children who were victims of the Mt. Pinatubo eruption in 1991.

In Iloilo City, public school children welcomed the visiting President Macapagal-Arroyo. ***With reports from Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau, and Cesar Villa of PDI Central Luzon Desk; Ma. Diosa Labiste, Jhunnex Napallacan and Joey A. Gabieta, PDI Visayas Bureau***

Witness recounts Erap's fear of '13'

By Volt Contreras

JOAN BONDOC

ITCHON: Star witness at Estrada impeachment trial.

THE SANDIGANBAYAN yesterday heard an accountant recount how deposed President Joseph Estrada allegedly put up a casino-operating firm with bribe money from illegal gambling syndicates.

Ma. Carmencita "Menchu" Itchon said Estrada even made last-minute changes to the spelling of the company's original name because he dreaded "13," the number of letters in it.

She was referring to Fontainbleau Inc., which she said was put up in April 1999 to operate Fontana Casino in Clark Field, Pampanga, with seed capital coming from Estrada's *jueteng* payola collections.

At the time, Itchon said, she was the company's accountant and, in fact, only employee.

Defense lawyers dismissed Itchon's statements as "an outright lie." At best, they said, it was "hearsay" picked up, from her boss and Estrada's buddy-turned-nemesis, former Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson.

They also put on record the fact that Estrada's name is nowhere in Fontainbleau's incorporation papers that the witness presented in court.

Asked to identify the firm's incorporators, Itchon read out the names of Regina Lim (Singson's daughter), Edmundo Silverio, Romeo Reyes, Jesus Pineda Jr., and Jaime Dichaves (a co-accused in the plunder case against Estrada).

Pineda, a former classmate of Estrada's and who was president of the National Power Corp. then, was listed as president, the accountant said.

It was while the papers were being prepared for registration, Itchon said, that Pineda asked her to change the firm's original name—"Fountainbleau"—by removing the first "u."

Quoting Pineda, she said this was because "President Estrada didn't want the name to have 13 letters."

A key prosecution witness in the Estrada impeachment trial, Itchon introduced herself to the court yesterday as a "board member" of the Camp John Hay-Poro Point Development Corp., a government corporation.

Itchon recalled that Singson, whose younger brother is married to her elder sister, hired her in February 1999 to be Fontainbleau's accountant. She said she was the firm's only employee for two months.

The firm had a Manila office at the Singson-owned LSC Building in San Andres Bukid, Itchon said.

At one point in her direct examination, she said, "As (company) accountant, I listed down pre-operation expenses. Every time I asked for funds, Governor Singson said we had to wait for the *jueteng* collections for President Estrada."

The collections, she claimed, came in the form of cash and checks delivered by the messengers of Anton Prieto, then Presidential assistant for the Bicol region and alleged collector of the *jueteng* bribe in that area; and Estrada's son, former San Juan Mayor Jinggoy Estrada "or Jingle Bells."

Itchon said she received funds totalling P6 million from these two sources.

By mid-April that same year, she said Yolanda Ricaforte joined the firm as her immediate superior in the Manila office. Singson allegedly introduced Ricaforte to her as "Estrada's accountant/auditor."

In the course of their work together, Itchon recalled, Ricaforte made numerous cell phone calls to Estrada in Malacañang.

She said she knew it was Estrada because on at least five occasions, Ricaforte made the call in her presence and told her to keep quiet because she was speaking with the President.

On June 15, 1999, she and Lim, one of the incorporators, brought Ricaforte to Malacañang purportedly to meet with the President.

In their chats, Itchon said, Ricaforte related how her husband Orestes got appointed Tourism Undersecretary by Estrada and, once, revealed that the Toyota Lexus they often used in visiting the casino in Pampanga "was given to her husband by the President."

Raymund Fortun, Estrada's spokesperon, said Itchon's claim was "a clear departure" from her testimony at the impeachment trial, when she said all her knowledge about Estrada's jueteng collections had been relayed to her by Singson.

The lawyers pointed out that Itchon had been appointed to the Camp John Hay board by President Macapagal-Arroyo. They said also appointed by the President as director in the same company was Emma Lim, another Singson former employee who testified against Estrada.

Start scaling down, oil firms told

By Philip C. Tubeza and Ronnel W. Domingo

SAYING that "good intentions are not enough," Manila Mayor Lito Atienza yesterday demanded that oil companies immediately scale down their operations at their depots in Pandacan, Manila.

"The scaling down of operations at the Pandacan oil depot should start now and continue until the security of the residents are assured," Atienza said in a statement.

A Manila City Council ordinance has reclassified the site into a residential area.

Three oil firms said yesterday that they would present within the week to the Manila City government their proposal to phase down the depots.

In separate statements, officials of Petron Corp., Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. and Caltex Philippines Inc. said the phase down scheme would depend on sharing the management and operation of the Pandacan depots.

"The scale down will substantially reduce the area being used by the three oil companies and will eventually result in a shared oil depot," Virginia Ruivivar, Petron corporate communications manager, said.

Caltex country chair Timothy Leveille said the oil firms would also put up a green buffer zone that can serve as a park.

In a phone interview, Shell corporate affairs manager Roberto Kanapi said the buffer zone was primarily an empty area around the depots.

"We can use the buffer zone as walkways and we can plant trees there," Kanapi said.

Atienza said he found it "totally unacceptable" for the oil firms to scale down their operations "within two to four years."

"The scaling down of operations and the establishment of a safety buffer zone and a common distribution area are most welcome but it should start now and not in two years as they have proposed," Atienza said.

"You don't dismantle a few storage tanks just for show and say you have complied with the law. They should remove what has to be removed," he added.

"If they start now and continue to downscale their operations until there is substantial compliance with the law, then we would consider it a win-win situation," he added.

Although the oil firms have dismantled several oil tanks used to store liquefied petroleum gas and diesel, tanks with "volatile substances" such as aviation fuel still remain.

The Pandacan oil terminals supply almost 90 percent of the fuel needs of Metro Manila, Cavite, Laguna, Bulacan, Pampanga, Tarlac and Nueva Ecija.

3 Abus, soldier die in clashes

ISABELA CITY—Three encounters on Sunday between Abu Sayyaf bandits and pursuing government troops left at least three bandits and one soldier dead. Maj. Gen. Ernesto Carolina, chief of the Southern Command, said the noose was tightening around the bandit group's neck.

"These (bandits' deaths) are the results of simultaneous operations we are conducting. We are now constricting the movements of this group," Carolina said, adding that only 10 bandits are left in Sirawai. He said government forces "need patience" to succeed in their drive against the Abu Sayyaf, but Abu Sabaya and his group will "need luck." ***Martin P. Marfil in Manila and Julie S. Alipala PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Cory sets tour of churches

FORMER President Corazon Aquino will tour churches around Metro Manila, Laguna and Bulacan to encourage the youth to go to Mass and pray the Holy Rosary. She will lead youth prayer rallies in selected big churches from June to December this year. Schools of each city are invited to send their students to the specified venues for each month. The first will be held in Sto. Domingo Church in Quezon City on June 20, 3-5 p.m.

The youth prayer rallies are part of her Prayer Power Campaign 2002. The theme of the campaign is Peace for our Families, Peace for our Nation. It is supported by the nation's Marian movements. Its spiritual adviser is Bishop Ramon Arguelles.

"We are concerned about peace in the family of nations, in our nation, in our families. Hence we are embarking on a year-long campaign of prayer for peace," said Mrs. Aquino.

This prayer campaign is in preparation for the January 2003 visit of Pope John Paul II to the Philippines for the 4th World Meeting of Families. It seeks to promote the Mass and the Holy Rosary, to consecrate at least 1 million families to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and to nurture devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Philippines. The list of consecrated families will be collected on a CD-Rom and will be given to the Pope.

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Commentary

The late Anthony de Mello tells a story: the Master was once threatened with death by a bandit. "Then be good enough to fulfill my dying wish," said the Master. "Cut off the branch of that tree." One slash of the sword, and it was done! "What now?" asked the bandit. "Put it back again," said the Master. The bandit laughed. "You must be crazy to think that anyone can do that." "On the contrary, it is you who are crazy to think that you are mighty because you can wound and destroy. That is the task of children. The mighty know how to create and heal." If you love only those who love you, what is special about that? Love your enemies. That will prove that God Almighty, the Father of all, lives in your heart.

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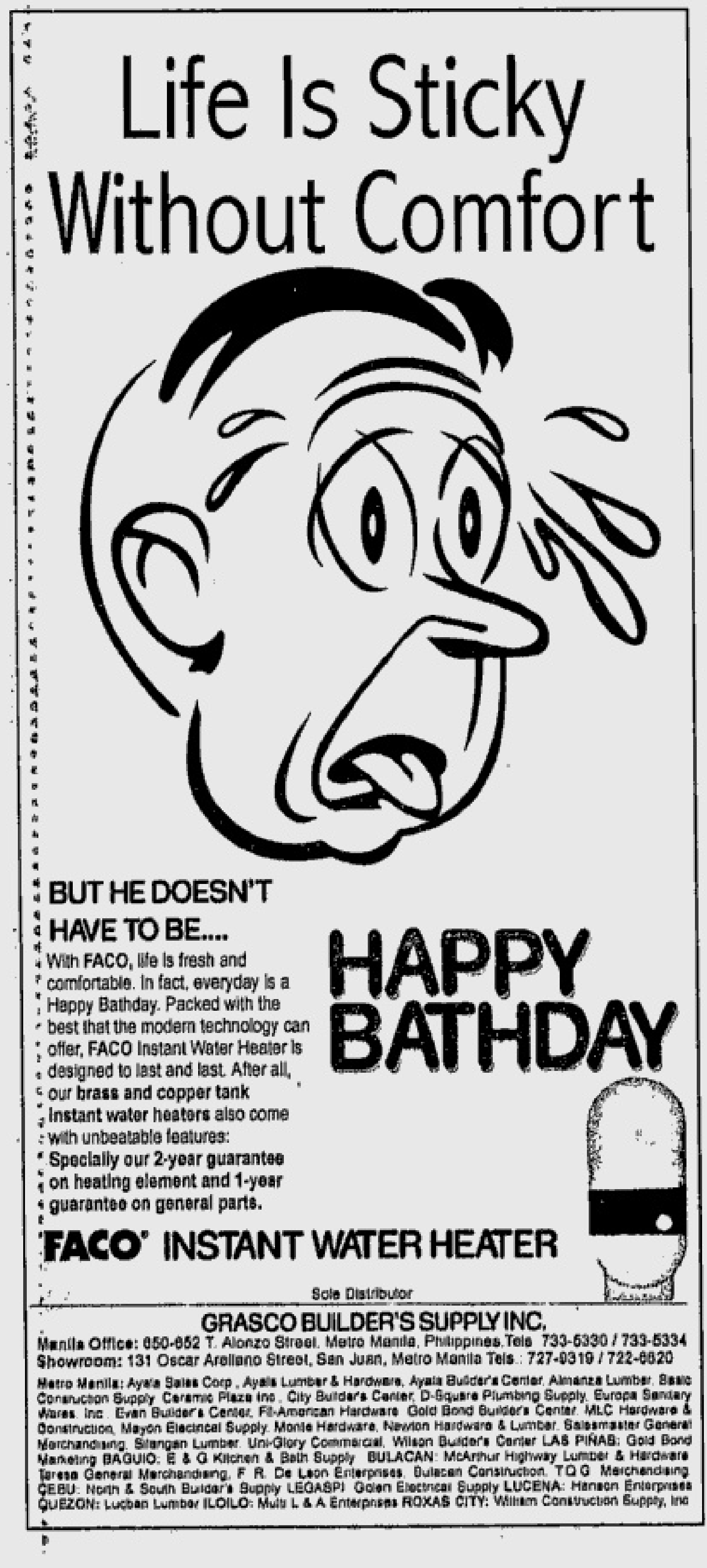
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Napocor blamed for high PPA rates

THE NATIONAL Power Corp. holds the key in lowering the rates of electricity in the country, a Meralco official said.

During the Kapihan sa Sulu over the weekend, Meralco treasurer Rafael Andrada said that Napocor sells to Meralco electricity 40 centavos higher than it sells to other distribution utilities.

The additional 40 centavos that the Napocor charges Meralco is part of the Napocor's inter-grid and intra-grid subsidy, according to Andrada. "If this subsidy being given by Meralco customers to Napocor is abolished, then the rate of electricity will automatically decrease by 40 centavos," he said.

Andrada also said that another factor why the rates of electricity are high is the oversupply of Napocor power generation plants by about 40 percent.

Napocor should shut down temporarily at least five of its plants and allow the Independent Power Producers (IPPs) to fully operate to bring down the oversupply and reduce the PPA tremendously, Andrada said.

He said by shutting down several of its plants, Napocor will not only contribute to the lowering of electricity but also to the good of the environment because some of these plants are pollutants.

Napocor should only maintain only the worldwide practice of assuring a 20 percent buffer oversupply of power.

In the same forum, Andrada said Napocor has also failed to provide transmission lines to several IPPs to enable them to operate to its optimum capacity.

Transco chief hits Meralco 'propaganda blitz'

MERALCO'S attempt to wiggle out of its 10-year supply contract with the National Power Corp. is nothing but a brazen effort to rake in more profits and polish its battered public image, a government power official charged yesterday.

Asisclo Gonzaga, president of the state-owned National Transmission Corp. (Transco), made the statement amid what he called a Meralco propaganda blitz designed to make the public accept its plan to give more business to Lopez-owned subsidiaries and independent power supplies.

Meralco has announced plans to abrogate its supply contract with the Napocor and instead buy power from its own independent power producers, which it said would mean lower rates for its consumers, Gonzaga said in a press statement.

He said this is nothing but a public relations gimmick designed to make Meralco look good at the expense of the government.

"We don't understand why they believe they can ignore or renege on their contractual commitments with Napocor just because we are a government-owned utility," said Gonzaga.

If Meralco reneges on its contractual obligations, it will cause huge losses for the government, which invested billions of pesos in power generation capacity, including reserves, to ensure that it can deliver on its commitments to Meralco and other distribution utilities, Gonzaga said.

Meralco is the country's biggest utility in terms of capacity and service area. Transco is the state-owned company spun off from the Napocor to handle the privatization of its power transmission facilities.

Gonzaga explained that Meralco has been trying to wiggle out of its contractual commitment to Napocor apparently so that it can fully utilize and reduce the average costs of power from its own private power supply contracts totaling 2155 MW that it negotiated with the Lopez-owned First Gas Power, Quezon Power and Duracom.

It is a multimedia propaganda blitz, Gonzaga said, "Meralco has been issuing self-serving claims that the bilateral contracts it has with government are now superceded by the transition supply contracts provisions of the new law, RA 9136 or ERIRA."

"They claimed further that Napocor violated its commitment to turn over approximately 200 MW of directly connected industrial customers to them," Gonzaga said.

The Transco chief belied these claims. He said Napocor is willing to turn over these directly connected customers but it will take some time to do so. He explained that most of these customers are not willing to transfer to Meralco because they fear paying double for their power purchase adjustment (PPA) charges.

Gonzaga said these customers are paying Napocor's PPA of about P1.30 per kWh. If they transfer to Meralco, their PPA will jump to P3 per kWh, he said.

Gonzaga explained that the appropriate time to turn over these customers is when open access starts so that these industrial customers would at least have choices to whom to give their business to. This is just fair as open access, free and real market competition are among the major goals of the power deregulation law. By then, it is up to Meralco to win them over as customers, he said.

Gonzaga also deplored attempts of Meralco in the media to blame government especially Napocor for the over capacity in power supply.

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'Re-monopolization' feared

By Ronnel W. Domingo

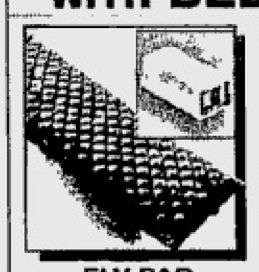
A LAWMAKER is seeking a House probe into the possible "re-monopolization" of the telecommunications industry following the Gokongwei group's buy-in into the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co.

Catanduanes Rep. Joseph Santiago, said in a draft resolution that public hearings in aid of legislation should be conducted to investigate the buy-in's violation of Republic Act 7925.

Also known as the Telecommunications Policy Act of 1995, the law seeks to liberalize the telecommunications industry and break up the monopolies like the one formerly enjoyed by the PLDT.

"(The reported) acquisition of the Gokongwei group will consolidated all the network capacities, subscribed lines and subscribers and bandwidth assignments of Digitel, PLDT, Piltel and Smartcom into a monopoly—both in the fixed line and mobile sectors," Santiago said.

Quoting data from the National Telecommunications Commission, Santiago said Pilipino Telephone Corp. and Smart Communications are PLDT subsidiaries, which have 1,483,838 and 4,893,844 subscribers, respectively.



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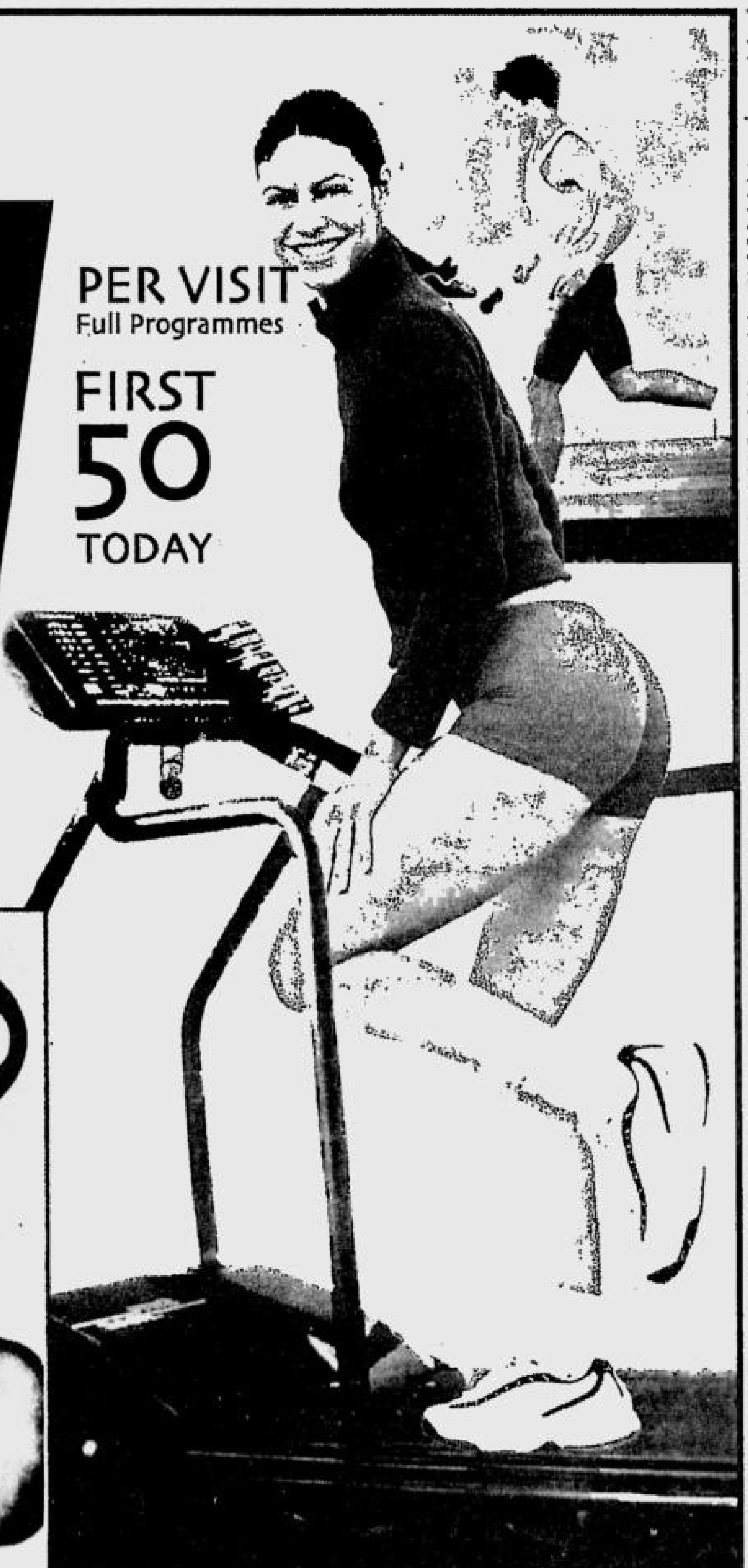

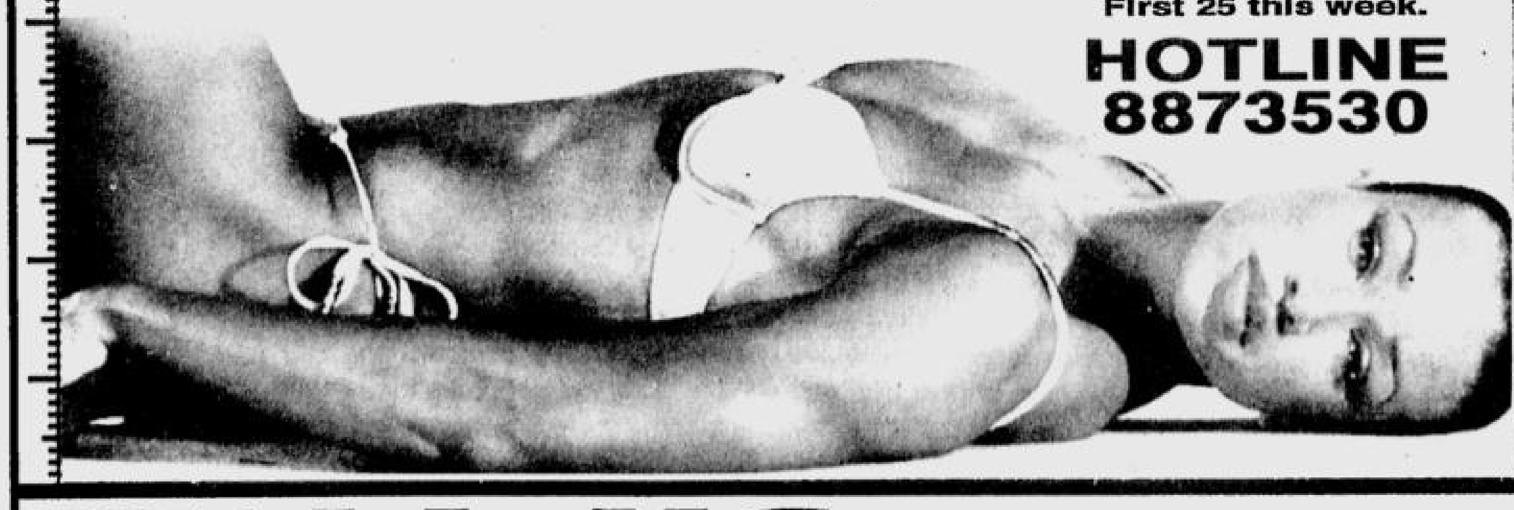

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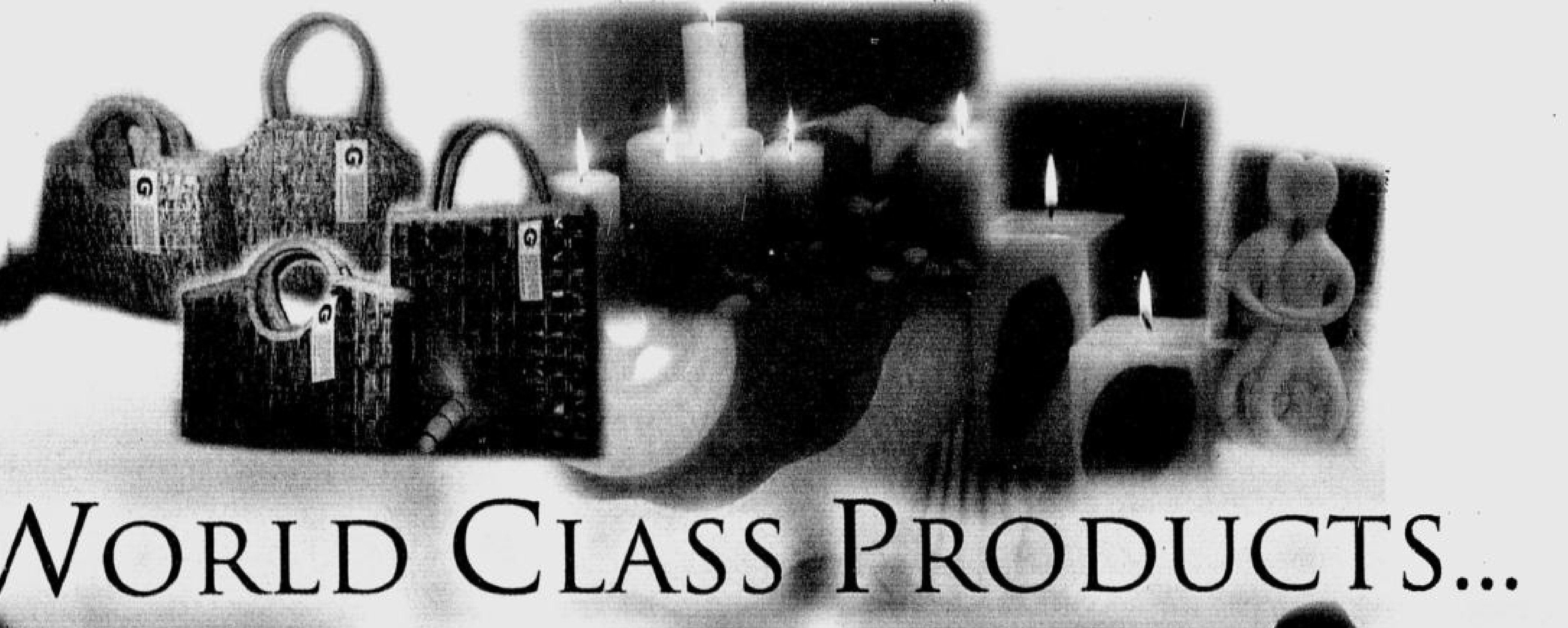

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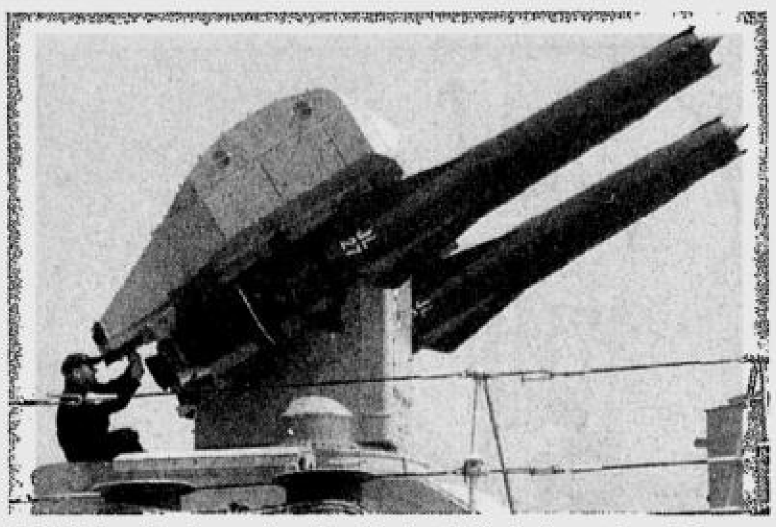
UK, RP ships hold war drills

By N. Bordadora



A British sailor inspects a Sea Dart missile battery aboard the Nottingham.

ERIK ARAZAS

A VISITING British destroyer is conducting joint naval exercises with Philippine Navy patrol boats while on a five-day goodwill visit to the country.

HMS Nottingham, a Type 42 destroyer, is 22 years old but it is equipped with modern military equipment not found in the country's antiquated naval vessels.

"We have been conducting training exercises with Philippine patrol vessels as we came into the Malampaya gas fields (off Palawan island) and we're expecting to do the same when we sail on Friday," said the ship's commanding officer, Commander Richard Farrington of the Royal Navy.

The HMS Nottingham is on a five-day port call in Manila and its crew is expected to exchange views and ideas about maritime interdiction duties of the respective navies.

"We'll be discussing operations in economic exclusion zones, whish is a key area in the Philippine archipelago, and maritime and coastal security concerns," Farrington told reporters in a news conference on board the vessel yesterday.

"(Filipinos have) been in the frontline in the struggle against terrorism and quite frankly, our navy may have a lot to learn from you. We're both important maritime nations and we rely on the sea for our trade and our livelihood," the British commander said.

MMS Nottingham docks at Manila's South Harbor for a goodwill visit.

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The British navy would also check on the former Royal Navy vessel that has been commissioned into the local navy.

Another highlight of the visit is the Defense Industry Day on Thursday. Farrington said the ship would showcase its equipment, both new and old as well as useful and not so useful tools.

"I've got some good stuff and some below average stuff too. So I'll be as honest as I can about what is good and what is not. Ultimately, it would be the Philippine defense officials, who would decide which would be best for the Navy," Farrington said.

Representatives from British companies that have equipment on board the Nottingham are expected to be present at the defense trade exhibit.

Priest tapped to head peace body

By E. Fernandez
PDI Mindanao Bureau

MERCADO: A warrior for peace

COTABATO CITY—One of Mindanao's leading peace advocates has been tapped to lead the National Peace Council (NPC).

Fr. Eliseo Mercado, former president of the Church-run Notre Dame University here, also chairs various peace advocacy groups and development institutions. He chairs the Kusog Mindanao, a peace and development non-government organization in southern Philippines.

NPC is an independent body that will engage all the peace panels in meaningful dialogues and help facilitate the government's peace initiatives.

The other members of the peace body are Ambassador Manuel Yan of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process, former Ambassador Howard Dee who previously chaired the government peace panel in talks with the communists, Davao City Archbishop Fernando Capalla and Dr. Ma. Serena Diokno, University of the Philippines vice president for academic affairs.

Mercado of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate said NPC will conduct and sponsor consultations and forums for civil society's participation in shaping the government's peace agenda.

It will also act in tandem with other groups in facilitating the peace talks and provide the necessary studies and researches in aide of the talks.

Known for advocating dialogues in resolving armed and non-armed conflicts in southern Philippines, Mercado had been in the forefront in campaigns against corruption and anomalies in government.

He said the NPC was envisioned to serve as a mechanism for consolidating and strengthening the peace constituency across the nation as well as play a third party role in ensuring that talks are sustained to attain lasting peace and development.

In case the peace panels reach an impasse or confronted with deadlocks, the NPC may be called to present doable alternative ideas and means.

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Fatal truancy

EDITORIAL

SOME 19 million elementary and high school students went back to school yesterday, opening another academic year that is characterized by the usual lack of teachers, textbooks and classrooms. The only change this year is the introduction of the controversial revised curriculum for the public schools that collapses a whole slew of social science, health, information technology and arts subjects into one course, conspicuously called Makabayan.

The new curriculum is refreshing if only because our basic education system has been saddled for decades now by problems of logistics and has not gone beyond the essentials. This penchant for "essentialism"—perhaps a form of truancy—has been near fatal to the education system. Because the education department has to mercilessly concern itself with the essential dearth of classrooms and other basic educational accoutrements, it has failed in planning and developing curricular and other educational reforms to make Philippine education responsive and competitive. Makabayan may have its critics, but it is a welcome development if only because the education department has made the first step toward educational planning and development.

The sins of omission of the education establishment has been very evident in the quality of high school graduates who enter higher education. Despite the backlog and the inconsistent implementation of its policies and programs, the Commission on Higher Education has been doing better than the education department in reviewing and formulating policies and coming up with criteria and innovative programs to rehabilitate higher education.

But colleges and universities are hobbled by the uneven and even sub-par quality of graduates of basic education. The problem has given rise to understandable calls for the restoration of Grade 7 and short of that, the introduction of a pre-baccalaureate program either in high school or college that will winnow graduating high school students and sort them out either for a full college program or a vocational-technical course.

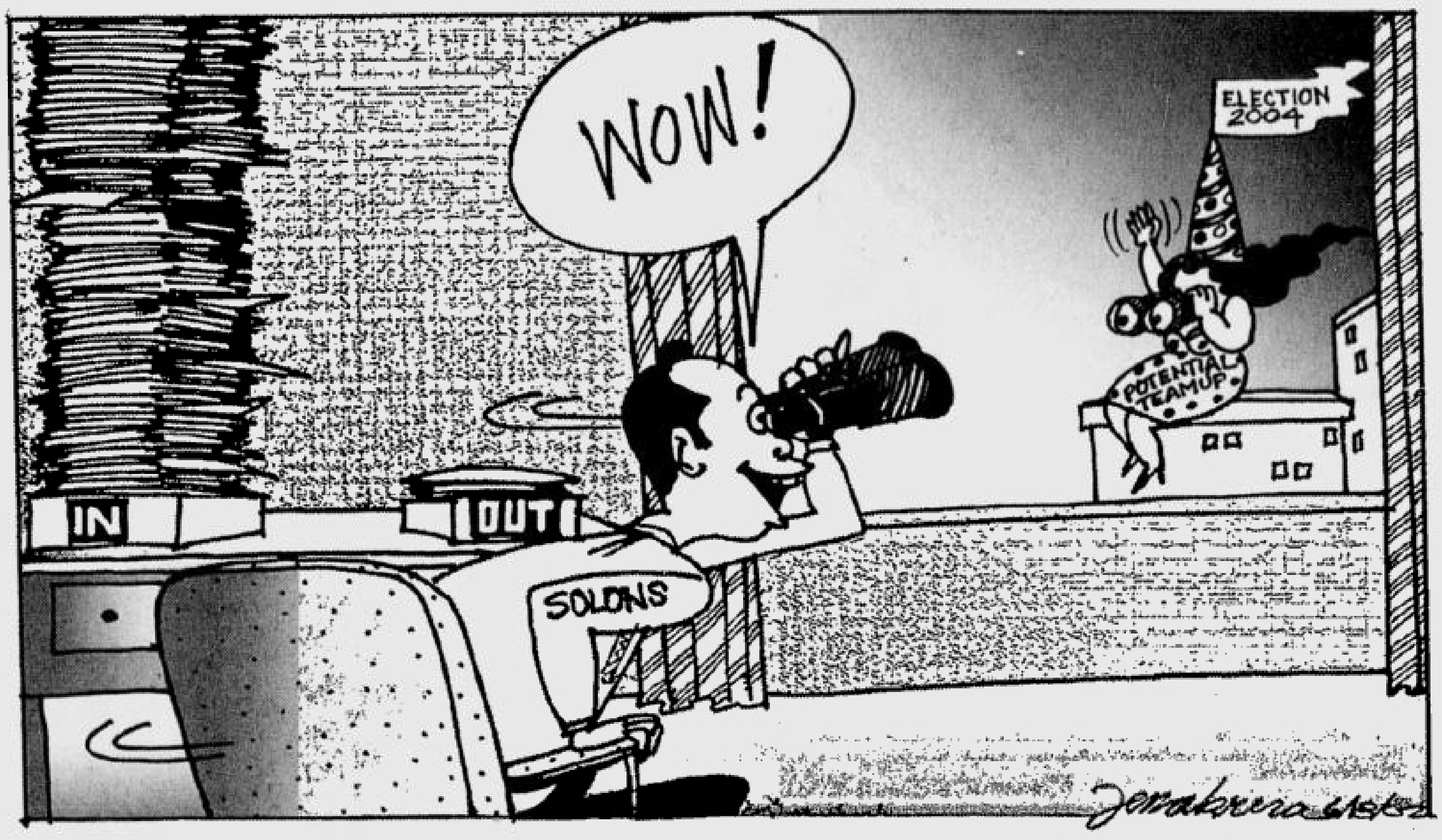
In some instances, the failure of the education department to come up with reforms to decisively address the problem of quality has given rise to calls in higher education to increase the number of educational units required for graduation, effectively adding another year to the regular four-year college program.

The movement toward tightened and increased requirements for graduation in higher education is welcome but worrisome. It is welcome since it shows that higher education officials are not sleeping on the job. It is worrisome since it threatens to further make the vision of educational parity and egalitarianism more remote. This is so because higher education is dominated by private schools that, to their credit, have implemented more responsive policies and programs to address student selectivity and quality standards. But these same policies foster the exclusivity and commercialism that militate against the ends of education and social justice.

Enrollment trends show that as educational levels get higher, students tend to go to private schools perhaps because of the perception that they offer more value for money. There are more students in public elementary schools, but they tend to drop out as the years go by. Moreover, there are more students in private high schools than in private elementary schools, indicating that parents strive to send their children to private high schools to better prepare them for college.

Which is not to say that private schools are better off than their public counterparts. For many years now, there has been an exodus of good private teachers to the public schools, which, because of standardization, now offer higher salaries and better benefits. In many instances, private school administrators say they are battling for survival. The wonder is that despite the problems, private schools continue to deliver. In survey after regional survey of the education department, private elementary and high schools dominate the Top 50 schools. Although some of them are exclusive and expensive, many are small parish or non-sectarian schools that cater to the lower middle class.

There must be a way to meld the benefits and competence of the public and private education systems that will complement one another's strengths and alleviate one another's weaknesses. Looking for that formula is the challenge that faces the education department.



Alvarez explains mystery behind the Ifmas

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

ENVIRONMENT Secretary Heherson Alvarez sent a letter commenting on this column last June 4, "The mystery behind the firms with the Ifmas," which ended with these words: "It reads like a detective novel. We would like to know the answers and for the CA (Commission on Appointments) to solve the mystery."

"It" refers to the speech of Rep. Prospero Pichay before the CA opposing the confirmation of Alvarez. Briefly, Pichay questioned the identities, qualifications and financial capabilities of the shareholders of the five foreign firms that were awarded by the DENR integrated forestry management agreements (Ifmas) that give them tenurial rights over a total of 188,802 hectares in the Caraga Region. That is a very big piece of the public domain, encompassing several municipalities, to be turned over to foreigners and their Filipino partners of questionable identities for 25 years, renewable by another 25 years. (Please read the June 4 column to the get background.)

On the other hand, the Philippines has about five million hectares of barren and denuded areas, 690,000 hectares of which is in the Caraga Timber Corridor, and all previous efforts by previous administrations and DENR secretaries to reforest them have been fruitless. Isn't it time we tried new and more drastic measures that have been successful in other countries such as Finland and New Zealand? Answer: Yes, but not by some corporations whose ownership is mysterious.

Alvarez tried to clear up the mysteries in his letter but many questions remain unanswered. The identities of the shareholders and the undercapitalization of the corporations were not clarified. Instead, Alvarez said the five Ifmas mentioned by Pichay were "cancelled in favor of a better instrument—the co-production agreement."

Question: Is the co-production agreement with the same five mysterious corporations? Is it better for the Philippines or for its partner corporations? Why?

Anyway, in fairness to Alvarez, I am quoting pertinent portions of his letter.

The beginning: "1. The Caraga Forest Plantation Corridor, or popularly called the timber corridor, started way back during the Ramos administration" when suitable areas were identified. During the Estrada administration, "certain portions of Caraga (were declared) available for plantation development consistent with the Master Plan for Forest Development (MPFD) of the country which mandates the development of industrial forest plantations of around 500,000 hectares each to meet the future wood requirements of the country."

"2. I did not violate the Constitution when I signed the co-production agreement. In fact, Art. 12 of the Constitution mandates that the development, management and utilization of the country's natural resources shall be through joint venture, co-production, or production-sharing agreements between the State and the private sector. Moreover...President Aquino in 1987 authorized the environment secretary to 'negotiate and enter into, for and in behalf of the Government, joint venture, co-production or production-sharing agreements for the development or utilization of forestlands and forest resources.'

"3. The five Ifmas Congressman Pichay referred to were never numbered, not notarized and not implemented. They were in fact cancelled upon the mutual agreement between the parties in favor of a better instrument—the co-production agreement." (But with the same mysterious corporations—NHC.)

"4. Shannalyne Corp., according to the SEC (Securities and Exchange Commission)...was registered in October 1996, which 60 percent of its capital stock in the hands of Filipinos." **(SEC records in the possession of Pichay show that the whole paid-up capital of Shannalyne came from foreigners.)**

5. It was Environment Secretary Victor Ramos who issued in 1998 four Ifmas to Shannalyne and Tecland. "President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo issued a proclamation in March 12, 2002 establishing the Shannalyne Technological Environmental Park (STEP) in Esperanza, Agusan del Sur, the first wood-based ecozone in the country as endorsed by the Philippine Economic Zone Authority. The wood-based ecozone will complement and ensure the downstream industries for the Caraga timber corridor."

"6. The government committed to provide a sustainable wood supply to the established wood-based ecozone...The DENR committed to 'provide the (additional) 80,000 hectares necessary to complete the area required for a sustainable tree-plantation that shall support the wood-based ecozone.'

"7. It is not true that we have given to New Zealand and Finland full control over the areas. In fact, the signing of the two governments in the agreements as stewards ensures the success of the project. Under the said agreement, the proponent, together with the stewards, agreed to 'provide to the communities within and around the project area, especially the indigenous peoples, livelihood programs, social facilities such as schools, medical facilities and the like.

"New Zealand and Finland are the most notable countries in the world in terms of forest management technology and expertise. Finland, for example, exports $18 billion worth of timber and forest products annually. Our partnership with these countries will not only pave the way for the inflow of vital capital investment but also advanced forest technology and expertise.

"8. The country has about 5 million hectares of barren and denuded areas which, if converted to forest plantations, can generate P1 million per hectare in 10 years, or a total of ₱5 trillion. The Caraga Timber Corridor is about 690,000 hectares. The present consists of only 110,000 hectares or 16 percent of the total corridor. We still have a very long way to go."

Reiterations

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

I READ with interest Jun Gonzales' sanguine protests about my articles on buying Filipino. (PDI, 6/15/02)

It is no surprise, he says, that an "ultranationalist" like me would fall for the simplistic notion that the solution to the country's woes is for overseas Filipino workers to buy Filipino goods. A fantastic insight, I say, calculating that it would bring P80 billion to the economy. "Factories would boom, jobs would come aplenty, poverty would be eliminated."

The problem with this fantastic scenario, Gonzales says, is that I mention only one Filipino product worth buying, which is Jollibee. "Where are these Filipino products that De Quiros wants *balikbayans* to spend $1,000 a year on?" I have "no right to dictate what hard-working OFWs who slave away in Taiwanese factories of Saudi homes should spend their money on" or to call their spending patterns "colonial mentality."

"OFWs are no different from other consumers: if Filipino products represented good value for money, they would buy them. Unfortunately, they don't, so they won't."

If Gonzales had read what I said in several columns a little more carefully, or he had tried a little bit more to understand what he read, he would have been disabused of his misconceptions.

First off, I do not recall that the source of the idea, who is also a letter-writer named Gregorio Viterbo, ever said buying Filipino was the solution to the country's woes. All he did was to point out the magnitude of savings the country would make if OFWs bought Filipino and appreciated its consequences. The calculations are not mine, they are his. The savings, quite incidentally, are not P80 billion (I don't know if that was a typographical error, or Gonzales just read wrong) but P800 billion in 20 years.

Which in fact is also wrong. If 1.5 million OFWs spent $1,000 per year on local goods, they would buy $1.5 billion worth of goods, which is not P40 billion but almost double that—P75 billion—at the exchange rate of P50 to $1. That means almost double the P800 billion in 20 years. Maybe Viterbo was just being conservative? He doesn't say. But P800 billion is itself a whopping sum. That may not solve all our economic woes, but if that doesn't make factories hum, jobs tumble like a flood, and reduce poverty if not eliminate it (which is how I paraphrased Viterbo's conclusions), I don't know what will.

What I myself said was: "It's a fantastic insight. At the very least, it shows us how we have no lack of solutions to our seemingly impregnable economic woes." It is not **the** solution to our impregnable economic woes, but is one very awesome one.

It is a fantastic insight, moreover, in that it points to an even bigger idea. I would say in a subsequent column that the real problem is not OFWs buying foreign but Filipino consumers generally buying foreign. Gonzales is only half-right: OFWs are not just like other consumers, they are just like other **Filipino** consumers, consumers who prefer foreign products to local ones. That is not simply the result of lack of meritorious local products, that is also the result of an "import mentality," which is colonial mentality. That has a strong and deep roots in this country (at one time reflected in the "blue seal" mentality), made worse by the proliferation of duty free shops and "imports" in basketball, the latter reinforcing the concept of "import" as innately superior.

In another column, I said that it's true that visitors to other countries naturally buy stuff from those countries to bring to kin and friends. But I also said that our attitudes were not like those of other nationals, our buying sprees went beyond the norms of procuring souvenirs. Other nationals do not bring home *balikbayan* boxes groaning with Libby's corned beef, and their gifts do not carry the subtext, "Pity the folks back home who are deprived of these things." But, as I said, the problem is not just the expatriates, it is the locals. Worse than *balikbayans* are those who have not left the country, as one *balikbayan* rightly writes, they're the ones who truly hanker for what they have not got. Or put another way, we're all *balikbayans* in our own country.

The lack of meritorious local products—and services—is real. But it is a chicken-and-egg situation. Filipinos do not buy local products because they are not good, but they are not good also because Filipinos do not buy them. I don't know how old Gonzales is, but we did have in the 1950s and 1960s, during the days of import substitution, some products we could truly be proud of, from shoes to steel. Diosdado Macapagal's policy of decontrol wiped them out.

Of course, it's true that local manufacturers should do their part too. Like I said, we cannot prosper with businessmen like Lucio Tan who seems able to thrive only in conditions of absolute and indefinite protection. But that too we can help cure with a healthy injection of nationalism. It was nationalism that drove South Korean consumers to patronize their own products four decades ago, but it was also nationalism that drove their manufacturers to produce the best that they could. The sense of obligation was mutual.

Which brings me finally to that point about "ultranationalism." That label itself is the heart of the problem, and shows what's wrong with us. Since Sept. 11, Americans have gone on a flag-waving binge, which has resulted among others in racial stereotyping in immigration and not the very subtle censoring of media. No one has thought to call any one of them "ultranationalists." Here, one asks OFWs and local consumers to buy Filipino, a most commonsensical idea elsewhere in the world, and one becomes an "ultranationalist."

That too is colonial mentality.

Fun with art in Boracay

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

THE RULING Lakas party has its own fair share of problems affecting its unity and harmony, but undoubtedly between its top two leaders there appears to be no problem. Two Saturdays ago, at a gathering in Malacañang of about 350 party leaders, the Lakas national chair, Speaker Jose de Venecia, formally offered his post to President Macapagal, who accepted it. In turn, she nominated JDV, her former runningmate in 1998, to be her co-chair now, explaining that she wanted to share power with him within the party. GMA also coaxed him to accept the post she had held since 1998, the chairmanship of the national executive committee of Lakas.

De Venecia was quoted in the media as recalling that then Vice President Macapagal turned down the party chairmanship in 1998, right after her election to the second highest post, as she felt her new job as social welfare secretary in the Estrada Cabinet would need full attention; instead, she consented to chair the executive committee. Now, however, with the elections in 2004 necessitating a party reorganization, the President has been coaxed to accept the top party post.

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It is a measure of the existing good relationship between GMA and JDV, however, that the President wanted to share the power in the party with the Speaker, and so, instead of JDV ending as vice chair as he had expected, he was persuaded to be a co-chair. Vice President Teofisto Guingona retains the party presidency while Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez remains secretary general.

The role De Venecia plays and will play in the party will become increasingly crucial for two reasons. One is the need of the President to pass her legislative agenda in the coming year, or her ambition to be elected is finished. The importance of this cannot be overemphasized, which is why her entire administration's energies must be geared toward helping resolve the impasse in the Senate in favor of her allies; all the talk of a revamp in the executive branch becomes insignificant in the face of this stalemate. After all, as the administration senators have noted, it's only GMA who has the wherewithal to reach out to the opposition.

JDV's role will also grow bigger in smoothening out the wrinkles in various relationships within the party especially as 2004 approaches. He has the patience of Job when it comes to the role of mediator, which is one good reason why he has lasted this long as Speaker. No one with a problem leaves without feeling De Venecia didn't give him the importance he deserves, as he dishes out his win-win solutions. As 2004 approaches, JDV will have to put out increasingly more political brushfires for his co-chair.

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I consider myself lucky to have been able to contribute this summer to Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon's "Wow!Philippines" campaign, by visiting the world famous Boracay island and that new tourist destination in Ilocos Norte, Pagudpud. The trip to Boracay came in the form of an invitation from Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez for me to join a distinguished panel of judges chaired by National Artist Napoleon Abueva that would select the winners in a painting contest involving some 50 sailboats. Various art groups participated in the painting of the sails revolving around the theme of caring for our waters. Watching the sailboats with their vibrantly painted sails parade like beauty contestants on the unrivalled aquamarine waters of Boracay and its still incredibly gorgeous white corral sands wasn't work at all. It was great fun because it was great art. After the contest all the sailboats staged a regatta. What a sight to behold! Congrats, Secretary Alvarez.

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Glorious Boracay. On the first of the two evenings that we judges spent there, the island's various resorts and hotels, led by Sea Wind Resort, owned by Federico and Ruth Jarantilla, laid out sumptuous buffet dinners right on the beach. For P350, a tourist could go hopping from buffet to buffet, with free drinks supplied by Pepsi Cola. After the dinner the Earthsavers' Dreams Academy founded by Sonny Alvarez put up an eco-touristic show interpreted by Cecile's disabled wards. We judges were billeted in various participating hotels. The Boracay Regency where I stayed is the newest and among the plushest. What need improvement are the rough roads in the island's interior, which makes it necessary to travel by tricycle.

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The DENR-sponsored Water Arts Festival, dubbed romantically by Cecile Guidote Alvarez the "Gallery of the Sea," was conceptualized by Secretary Alvarez to raise public awareness of the importance of caring for and conserving our waters, both coastal and marine as well as fresh water resources. As he explained it, even as a senator he had this thing about the sea, as he convened the Conference on the Protection of the Seas from Land-based Pollution in the Southeast Asian Region, together with UNEP, and the El Niño Summit in 1997 when he was chair of the Clean Up the World Philippine Committee. Recalling that one of his major legislative measures was the Clean Water Act, Alvarez pointed out that in the DENR a major thrust of his is to focus on our watersheds and the inter-relatedness of our ecosystems, and promote the view that "water is life."

But in the Gallery of the Sea, Alvarez went one creative step farther: he used culture as a dynamic ingredient to bond the communities through the interaction between artists and people, and as a tool of education intertwined with recreation. From Boracay the sailboats will take the "Triple B route" to Bohol in July and Batangas in October. The winning sails will be exhibited in August at the UN World Summit for Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa, and at the Ministerial Meeting on Water in China.

Numbers tell the story

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

ABOUT the best thing that happened to me in grade school was when I finally outgrew my older sister's old uniforms. Before then, I chafed each school day when my *yaya* made me put on the faded green jumper and tan blouse, starched to stiffness the better to resist wrinkles and stains. But at no time were the old uniforms more of an aggravation than on the first day of school, when most of my classmates sauntered into the classroom in uniforms that practically screamed "brand new!" The year my mother relented and had a whole set of new uniforms made for me, I practically floated through the corridors on the first day of school.

Next to Christmas, maybe, there seemed no day more special than the first day of school. This was usually preceded by shopping trips for our supplies, from pad paper to pencil boxes at the neighborhood bookstore, to shiny black patent school shoes from Greg's. We spent weekends wrapping our new books and notebooks in "Manila paper," replaced by shiny-waxed brown paper, and then by clear plastic in later years. Days before school opened, I would have my school bag ready, and every night I would go through its contents, breathing in the fresh new paper smell, checking if my pencils were properly sharpened, stroking my shiny, unblemished pencil box.

I had the chance to relive the excitement of school opening when my children came of school age. In addition to the usual school supplies, their school required them to bring a shoe box filled with necessities like toilet paper, a small towel, soap, toothpaste and toothbrush, even a plastic glass. And though the school didn't require a uniform, we still spent many hours trawling the malls for new T-shirts, socks and underwear.

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WITH the two of them in college and high school, and thus able to more or less look after themselves and their school needs, those stressful days leading up to school opening are gone. Unless, of course, you count the stress of trying to source the funds to pay for escalating tuition.

But for many other parents and children around the country, school opening day was replete with stress, tension and uncertainty. And I can't even begin to imagine what the day was like for Education Secretary Raul Roco.

What a pleasant surprise it was then to switch on the TV and find the secretary fielding questions from concerned parents and students on an early morning show. A worried mother wanted to know why the public high school her child goes to issues only improvised I.D.'s, which could compromise the students' safety. The president of the student council wanted to know more about the new DepEd curriculum and its implications on their future. Despite the pressures he was facing, Roco took time to respond to their concerns, a reassuring presence at a time of many uncertainties.

The DepEd's challenges are nothing to sneeze at. A total of 19 million students were expected to start the new school year: 12.1 million in public elementary schools, 929,178 in private elementary schools; 4.7 million in public high schools, 1.3 million in private high schools.

The figures alone tell an interesting story. Of course, since there are six grades and only four high school levels, it's expected that the number of public high school students should be lower than those in public elementary schools. But the fact that there are only 4.7 million youths in public high schools is an indication of the high dropout rate at the elementary level. Some studies in fact estimate the dropout rate at a scandalous 60 percent, with six out of every 10 students who enter the school system leaving school before they finish the grades, or not moving on to high school at all.

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AND why are there more students in private high schools than in private elementary schools? One reason I can think of is that more parents have been forced by financial hardships to pull out their children from private schools and place them in the public school system, while it may have been too late to transfer their high school-age children.

Statistics provided by the DepEd also show that there are some 450,000 nationally paid public school teachers for almost 17 million students. While the teacher-student ratio at the national level is one teacher for every 37 students, the DepEd says the macro numbers are "misleading," since "in urban areas there are classes with more than 60 students, (while) in rural areas, there are multi-level classes with less than 20 students."

Rationalizing the delivery of education, then, is a major challenge for Roco, including decongesting urban classrooms while continuing to meet the needs of youngsters in remote rural villages.

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SCHOOL opening is really an opportune time to reflect on the consequences of population growth, the figures painting a picture of an educational system constantly under siege from the demands of a growing "clientele."

For instance, for this school year alone, the DepEd constructed 1,482 new classrooms and rehabilitated 1,831 in the poorest provinces with funds from a World Bank loan, while the public works department constructed an additional 2,831 classrooms with the P2 billion provided by the budget. In some areas, local governments also paid for the construction of more classrooms—all in response to the pressure exerted by an expanding student population.

Wouldn't government funds be better spent helping Filipino parents achieve the smaller families they desire, rather than in continually playing catch-up with our ever-growing young population?

A ride down the Pasig (2)

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

Bambi L.Harper

THE NAME of the cave, it was affirmed, owed its origin to the legend that in its cavity there once lived a hermit, a remorseful sinner called Doña Geronima. On the other hand, there are others who say the contrary: that the cavity was used as a spa by a sybarite and his opulent lady.

Not far from the cave rises the church of the rich town of Pasig. Here the horizon widens and the unevenness of the rough and rustic mountains of San Mateo can be appreciated distinctly. The banks on this part of the river are full of cascos and bancas. The men of Pasig are reputed to be the best oarsmen in the province of Manila. They are very strong and handle skillfully and with vigor the wide and short oar that serves as a rudder. It would have been interesting to visit the town to see the uniforms worn by the watchmen at night mentioned by Mr. Jagor in "Viajes por Filipinas."

We had just finished listening to the disagreeable cawing of thousands of ducks that surround this ford of the Pasig when the panorama changed completely. Expansive fields planted to *palay* are visible everywhere. The riverbanks are clear of the green and poetic leafy canopies and instead the carabao plower that laboriously starts the furrow where the rice must be planted wallows in the mud. In this wide trajectory, the channel widens continuously, and a great number of *salambaos*, on whose platform not only the crossed arms of cane that sustain the netting rise but also a structure of nipa where a whole family lives, are seen. During work hours, members of the family all have their duties and their place of work in that rustic floating contraption.

Within sight of the river lies the town of Antipolo, and we follow the riverbed that leads to the sanctuary and take the path trod by thousands of pilgrims to say a prayer to Our Lady. After a short, muddy walk, we board the boat again that disengages from the riverbed and enters the bar of Napindan which opens into Laguna de Bay.

The banks of the Pasig have been the subject of poems and the beauty of its waters have been sung by melancholy lovers and by inspired musicians. On San Juan's Day, four fluvial fiestas are celebrated in which soakings, regattas and friendly competitions in bancas, figure in the first phase of the festivities.

At 11:00 a.m. lunch is served as we continue to navigate the lake. The captain sits at table, an old sea wolf who complains about the heat of the boiler, the narrowness of the boat, the limits of the horizon and more than anything else the fresh water that in depths measuring three palms the oars of the wheels beat. The ill humor of the captain of the boat, accustomed to traverse the grandiose and immense the oceans, is understandable. The life of fresh water, the monotony of unchanging river banks, the precision of the schedule, the regularity and uniformity of running aground, the etiquette of the cabin, the lack of waves, the limited horizon, the space and the light test the captain who at times cannot stand himself.

Laguna de Bay—we do not know for what reason it is called a lagoon and not a lake—remains one of the few lakes in the world of such grandiose proportions. It has in its circuit of some 35 leagues islands, peninsulas, coves and inlets and on its banks are rich and beautiful towns, among them Sta. Cruz, capital of the province. We find in the itineraries of the majority of tourist the peninsula that forms the rich land of Jalajala and the poetic places that surround Los Baños, a little town so-called because of its medicinal spring waters.

The beaches of this small sea (for no other name should be given it) are dotted with pretty towns whose inhabitants watch the waters day by day with growing alarm increasingly invade their territory. The phenomenon is easily explained, taking into account the amount of water and sand dragged by the 33 passageways that feed the lagoon in proportion to its disgorgement into only one outlet, that of the Pasig. The accumulation of sand makes navigation difficult in many places and if in the short term a dredging service is not established in the bar of Napindan, this will pose a powerful obstruction in the shallows with the result that the waters will continue to absorb territory. The cordillera of Bay-bay, one of the limits of the horizon of la Laguna is the one that could unite it to the Pacific Ocean were a channel to be opened in that range which is the only barrier between the two bodies of water.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon, after running aground a couple of times, we land in the pier of Sta. Cruz. We spend the afternoon touring the provincial capital, which is divided by a river spanned by a magnificent bridge constructed in the last few years. The jail was built on a smaller scale, modeled after the circular Bilibid prison. At night, after dinner, the mayor, D. Antonio del Rosario, honored us with a serenade that we listened to from the balcony of the Casa Real.

(Free translation of "Viajes por Oriente: de Manila a Tayabas," Juan Alvarez Guerra, 1883).

President for a year

YOUNGBLOOD

Luigi Baroa Manzo

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—**Ed.**

WHO wants to be the president? A handful of eager boys raised their hands proudly in answer to our teacher's question, each feeling he was better and more capable than the others.

It was our first year in middle school and the first time we had class elections. We knew each other but some had more recognizable names, having made their mark as achievers in the primary grades. There were other familiar names. Some were well liked and popular because of their celebrity parents or relatives or because of their generosity in fund-raising activities, while others were blessed with a charisma that both teachers and classmates found appealing. Notoriety and being known to come up with the funniest quips or pranks were an advantage, too. Although academic excellence would win you a number of votes, it did not assure victory. There were many who saw the intellectually gifted as geeks and boring leaders who were more preoccupied with self-serving interests. In my age group, fame was synonymous with fun, and having the most number of friends was the biggest advantage come election day.

Realizing the importance of organization, six of us formed a group and called it the Students' Power Coalition. (Sounds familiar?) It was a dream team, and we had it all: intelligence, wit, charm, competence and a vision to do something great and make a difference in class. We bonded beautifully during the rigorous two-week campaign period. We sounded the same call and made the same promises. Each used his creativity to produce campaign posters using recycled materials. And we all won.

I won the presidency by a single vote (the two other candidates were equally qualified). I knew then exactly how US President Bush must have felt after being officially declared winner over Al Gore.

However, V-Day was just the beginning of one long, mind-draining and exhausting year of work and trials.

A leadership workshop was arranged by the administration for both the president and his vice two weeks after the election. Only then did I get a clear picture of the task and burden I got myself into. Leadership was serious business in my school. The responsibilities and expectations were far from being trivial or kid stuff. Duty, obligation, accountability, trust and commitment—these were big words that meant big work ahead of us. This was the real thing.

No training seminar or workshop and maybe even education can make anyone a true leader. Leadership is a craft learned by directly working with people. Through constant listening and conversation, by putting yourself in their place and being one of them, you get some insights into their individual thinking and can identify their needs. Armed with this knowledge, you work on delivering your promises and what will satisfy and make them happy. If there was anything I learned from my experience of being class president, it is that we are judged by how much we have given of ourselves to make others happy and proud of themselves.

To promote class unity, the officers, with the help of some friends, initiated the publication of a monthly newsletter, The Ifugao Review. It was **our** thing. It made us feel special and it unified the class. It was the glue that bound as together.

Excited by the encouraging results of our newsletter, we put up a class website. It was another plus factor. We turned into a strong force, working together during intramural and scholastic competitions. Knowing he had the whole class cheering behind him, each member was pushed to excel or at least to give his best in everything.

But as with other organization, we had some difficult and trying times. Our class had its share of troubled members and power grabbers, who questioned authority and grumbled against discipline. There were some who didn't like to play second fiddle. A small group even demanded that all the class officers resign.

The officers were disappointed with all this, and exhausted from just tying to keep everything under control. We threatened to quit. This stirred up the silent majority and the teachers who believed in our good intentions and were loyal to us. Before the week was over, the coup plotters were sent to the Grade Level Coordinator's office, warned and given demerits.

We did not try to get back at the misguided ones. Instead we worked hard to win them over to our side. We listened to their complaints, compromised and bent a little some of our stricter rules. It worked. We all became friends.

That experience taught us that to be an effective leader, you must gain the respect of your members. To be a good leader you must first be a good follower. You should set an example in obeying rules, being courteous and polite to the teachers, simple, humble and showing a genuine concern for others. You should be at your best behavior at all times. (That's easier said than done. I had my faults, too, which got me a few demerits and a jug.)

It also works to your advantage if you excel in the academics. That makes it harder for others to question your proposals and decisions, especially when you want a project completed fast. Also it is easier for you to approach and get the approval of your superiors for your new ideas, if you have gained their trust in your work and capabilities. But I guess the most important asset of a true leader is an innate goodness, which makes him put his heart and soul into serving others. He is there not for himself but to be an instrument of goodwill, to keep his members happy and continuously working together in harmony so that they may attain the goals they have set for themselves.

You don't become a president by simply winning an election. The campaign to win votes of approval is more difficult after you have assumed the position. Being class president was no kids' play; it was serious business and hard work. It did not bring me special privileges, merits or benefits. In fact, for every demerit given to our class, I received double the number of demerits. Once when we came in late for Work Education, everyone was given a demerit while the officers were punished with a jug signed by our parents.

There were times when friendships were almost broken because we had to be firm in enforcing the rules and discipline regardless of our alliances. Often we had to skip lunch or playtime with friends, since we had to attend meetings with the grade level coordinator or with the members of the Student Council, plan activities or get updates on current issues. I spent many hours writing articles for our publication, typing and printing reminders for posting and composing letters to parents. All these challenges demanded 100 percent of our time and energy.

Balancing my responsibilities as president while keeping my academic performance up to par was a feat of survival. It was truly a difficult and trying year for me, but it was also a most fulfilling one. Judging from what out class accomplished and what I have achieved, it was a great year, for me, the best I have ever had at the Ateneo. They won me no special recognition, but I am not complaining. Having 40 new buddies who respect and believe in you and with whom I can be Friends forever—that's the best prize for me.

Luigi Baroa Manzo, 11, got first honors in his class and is now in grade 5 at the Ateneo de Manila Grade School. He believes running the government can be as simple as sitting as class president if our national leaders will work closely together and work sincerely and [illegible] for the benefit of our people.

Nature's best?

PINOY KASI

Michael L. Tan

LAST week I ran into Dr. Lynn Panganiban of the UP National Poisons Control and Information Service. That's the group at the Philippine General Hospital which responds to all kinds of poisoning cases from all over the country, from *watusi* firecrackers to mercury from gold mining.

I asked Lynn what kind of cases they were seeing these days, and she said it was mainly substance abuse, amphetamines in particular. I asked if this was *shabu* and Ecstasy and she said yes, but added, "Mike, we're starting to get problems with these herbal slimming products, the ones with ephedrine, and they're being sold in all these natural foods stores."

Ephedrine was originally derived from the Chinese medicinal plant *ma huang* but is now produced in laboratories. Like other amphetamines, ephedrine suppresses the appetite but it also stimulates the central nervous system, giving a sense of euphoria or a "high." The drug is unpredictable and can cause heart attacks, strokes, hallucinations and a host of other serious side effects.

Coincidentally, over the weekend, I read about reports in Singapore of poisoning cases, including one death, from the use of slimming products. The culprit here was a product called "Slim 10," which is made in China and perceived by people as another traditional Chinese medicine. It turns out Slim 10 contains the Western drugs fenfluramine and phentermine, the notorious "fen-phen" combination banned in 1997 in the United States because of the damage it caused to the heart. This time around in Singapore, it caused the death of one person, and serious liver damage for 14 other people, including a well-known media personality.

The labels "herbal," "traditional" and "natural" are often attached to medicinal preparations to cash in on the back-to-nature fad. Ironically, people turn to these products because they're afraid of the side effects of Western drugs. Little do they know that these products can be even more dangerous than Western drugs.

People presume that if a medicine has been around for a long time, then it must be totally safe. That's a fallacy. Some traditional medicines are safe only when taken in small doses but may become toxic when compounded and concentrated into pills.

Sometimes, too, herbal medicines contain substances which become toxic with prolonged use. Usually, the adverse effects are on the liver since this organ is our filtration system (a kind of Balara), with all the toxins passing through. Remember the comfrey craze a few years ago? The medicinal plant quickly fell from favor after our medical experts pointed out that the plant contained substances which could become toxic with prolonged use.

Some herbal medicines may be very safe in terms of their ingredients but become toxic because of improper processing. Aflatoxins, which come from a particular type of fungi, are the most common contaminants that come about when the herbal medicine is not fully dried. The aflatoxins, which are also found in poorly processed peanut butter, can damage the liver.

Finally, herbal medicines become toxic, as in the case of Slim 10, when they are adulterated with Western medicines. "Herbal" manufacturers will tout their products as "natural" even as they mix in Western medicines because they know these drugs can be very potent. Through the years I've been asked by family and friends to check out ingredients on so-called "Chinese medicine" and in cases where there are package inserts, I've stumbled on a most dismaying assortment of Western drugs, including steroids, antibiotics, anti-inflammatory drugs, diuretics and even tranquilizers, all mixed in with herbals.

These "shotgun" mixtures are very dangerous, yet many Chinese will swear by its efficacy, precisely because of some of the dramatic effects of the Western drugs. Suddenly they're sleeping better, but are now hooked on the tranquilizers. Some say they put on weight, when it's actually water retention from the steroids. In the case of Singapore's experience with Slim 10, we had two drugs that are indeed effective in suppressing the appetite but which wreak havoc on the liver.

Unfortunately, modernization (and Western medicine) has introduced expectations of instant fixes, which we now transfer to herbals. Traditional medicines, often effective as tonics and nutrients (many of the herbals are in your kitchen and fridge), are marketed as miracle drugs, to be taken in large daily doses for months on end, assuring more profits for its manufacturers and distributors and more risks of adverse reactions for consumers.

Government needs to crack down on these so-called natural medicines. Many will claim to being approved by the Bureau of Food and Drugs, conveniently omitting to say that they are approved only as "food supplements," which means they are not as carefully scrutinized as medicines. Under the law, they cannot make therapeutic claims but we know they do this all the time, whether sold in plush malls or *sari-sari* stores.

Singapore has a law which requires Chinese medicines to be tested and declared free of synthetic drugs, heavy toxic metals and poisons. The Chinese medicines cannot make claims of cures for 19 serious diseases, including cancer. Despite this strict law, and usually vigilant drug regulatory authorities, Slim 10 slipped into Singapore, with 20,000 bottles sold before it was banned.

I shudder to think of what's happening in the Philippines, with our weak regulations and regulatory authorities.

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Announcement: The annual conference of the Veterinary Practitioners Association of the Philippines (VPAP) will be on June 20 and 21 at the Intercontinental Hotel in Makati.

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER LETTERS

Divided loyalties causing nation a lot of problems

I SHARE the benevolent concern for the displaced Muslim families expressed in Amando Doronila's article, titled "Arguments against accords long on conjecture, short on evidence," last May 27. But I find it difficult to go along with his optimistic conclusion that the two documents signed by Presidential Adviser Norberto Gonzales and two MILF representatives in Cyberjaya, Malaysia, on May 6 and 7, 2002 "represent a forward step to the next stage of formulating a larger settlement of the Mindanao conflict."

Short in candor and overbearing in tone, how can these documents lead to peace? Controversial documents do not settle disputes over land or political and religious differences. They either prolong or worsen the clash of opposing opinions. They preserve the status quo, which in the present instance exhibits discord, divisiveness and double talk; or they cause tempers to rise and lead to a new round of fighting, with each side trying to prove that might is right.

Why have we not learned from previous peace documents? All these documents share one thing in common: "loaded terms." Each of them shows no effort to be honestly clear. Each of them is open to different interpretations. Is not Doronila being too kind?

I agree with his suggestion that we have to meet the grievances of our militant groups with tolerance, consideration and compromise. Indeed, it is time to start "formulating a larger settlement of the Mindanao conflict." Now is the time for concerned citizens to come out and push for reconciliation through the rehabilitation of strife-torn Mindanao. Let us speak as one and demand that the state minister to the individual advantages of its various members. For that is what the state is for.

However, we have to walk in the light of truth in order to march united under a flag of common understanding. This means that we have to resolve first one basic question: Are we Filipino first and Christian or Muslim second, or vice versa. We cannot walk together until we have a true sense of being one people living in one country. The state can be no better than the men and women we put to run its affairs for us. How many of them are Christian first and Filipino second? How many of them are Muslim first and Filipino second? How many of them are Marxist first and Filipino second? How many of them are Maoist first and Filipino second? How much more blood do we have to shed before we recognize and admit to ourselves that there is a conflict of loyalties working against our unity, harmony and prosperity as a nation? We have to do settle these basic questions before we can truly resolve the civil strifes in our country.

Our divided loyalties have caused us recurrent discomfort and pain, and we do not know when we are going to have another spasm of bad faith. Certainly, we have to do something about it.

We can begin by writing a new peace formula on a clean slate. Let us demand that the state address sincerely the legitimate grievances of rebel groups. Let us march in cadence as Filipinos who are tolerant of each other's belief, considerate of each other's opinions, and ready to enter into compromises.

We can do it. All it requires is a fundamental law that we will all respect and obey. Until we have a constitution that is truly worthy of our allegiance, we will continue to twist arguments, with each faction insisting that its position is the better one. For the sake of peace, let us write the new charter now.

—RUDY SAWYER, Antipolo City

Envoy can't pick successor

I WISH to correct the wrong information published in the Cocktales column in the INQUIRER last June 14.

I have no authority to relinquish my post to anyone. Only President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has the authority to appoint an ambassador. And all ambassadorial appointments must be confirmed by the Commission on Appointments.

—ALFONSO T. YUCHENGCO, ambassador, Philippine Permanent Representative to the United Nations

Fernando has a daunting task in MMDA

PRESIDENT Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's selection of Bayani Fernando as the new MMDA chair is definitely a very welcome development. As a Marikeño, proud of what our former mayor has done for our city, I am confident that he can accomplish a lot to improve Metro Manila.

There is no doubt that he will employ his no-nonsense ways to bring order and discipline to the metropolis and its traffic woes and come up with practical solutions to our increasing garbage and pollution problems and rally Metro Manilans into turning the metropolis into a truly livable urban area we can all be proud of.

The task of changing or rather reversing the deterioration that Metro Manila has undergone over the years is daunting, considering that powerful vested interests are sure to resist and even sabotage Fernando's efforts. There are good people at the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, but there are also definitely rotten ones—from the mulcting traffic enforcers to executives who have forgotten that they are there to serve the public servants and not to enrich themselves.

Minimizing graft and corruption, instilling discipline and putting order in the MMDA and Metro Manila are definitely big and difficult jobs. Fernando needs all the support, encouragement, understanding and definitely prayers to succeed in his new job.

— MICHAEL M. YU, President Osmeña Street, Industrial Valley Subdivision, Marikina City

Is thesis writing necessary in college?

THE NEW public school curriculum that now puts stronger focus on the three "R's" (reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic) should make future elementary school graduates better equipped for high school. Indeed, education is like climbing a stairway: each level prepares one for the next.

But the introduction a few years back of thesis writing in college is an entirely different animal that puzzles me endlessly. I am not sure whether it was prescribed by the Commission on Higher Education, or unilaterally deemed necessary by some professors in the teaching of college English. True enough, some textbooks in English grammar and composition include a chapter or two on technical writing, like the writing of a thesis paper. Similarly, poetry writing is part of teaching advanced English; but I do not think students are required to write a poem to pass the course.

As far as I know, the primary objective of a thesis, or dissertation in the post-graduate levels is to contribute something new and original to the common fund of knowledge. It requires adequate mastery of the subject matter, and entails much research. And so theses and dissertations are for relatively more mature people pursuing masteral or doctorate degrees.

That college students can write good theses, or that a college thesis may not involve as comprehensive a defense process as that in the graduate school, is beside the point. What matters is the significant time and effort, not to mention money, that college students individually or in groups have to spend, which otherwise they could have devoted to learning the core subjects, e.g., accounting for commerce students. Consider that a graduate student is allowed at least a year within which to write and defend his thesis while a college student has only up to the end of the semester to submit his thesis or get an "Incomplete" for his grade.

—RUDY L. CORONEL, 10 Venus St., Golden Country Homes, Alangilan, Batangas City

Good neighbor policy

THE COLUMN of Neal Cruz last June 13, 2002 read like a primer on the rights and duties of members of homeowners associations. It should be required reading for all officers and residents of private subdivisions and villages. I am having photocopies made for distribution to all our member associations for their information and guidance.

Cruz is of the opinion that sanctions can be imposed on the "free-loaders" but, as good neighbors, we recommend the use of "gentle persuasion" instead of the publication of the names of "delinquent" members in the clubhouse.

For those who are not residents but use subdivision roads regularly as short cuts for their convenience, nominally priced annual car stickers are sold to those who apply for one. They are welcome to use Alpha Village roads. Application forms are available at our secretariat.

—CONSUELO D. SISON, secretary, Quezon City Homeowners' Association Inc., 10 Alpha Road, Alpha Vill., Quezon City

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Palestinian bomber blows self up

JERUSALEM—Yasser Arafat blasted US national security adviser Condoleezza Rice on Monday for comments condemning his Palestinian Authority, saying she has no right to dictate to Palestinians how their future state should look.

Arafat's comments came shortly after a Palestinian blew himself up in Israeli territory near the West Bank, killing only himself. Israeli officials, who have begun building a controversial electronic fence to keep suicide bombers out, also said planning would begin this month to extend the fence the length of the West Bank.

Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said he believed the bomber was one of five assailants Israeli security forces have been searching for. Ben-Eliezer has said Israel has received intelligence information that five Palestinian suicide bombers are trying to infiltrate into Israel.

Arafat has been under US and Israeli pressure to curb attacks on Israel, and both nations have begun urging changes to the Palestinian Authority. Israel wants Arafat sidelined. The United States has been openly critical of the Palestinian leader, but has stopped short of demanding that Arafat be replaced.

Rice, in an interview with The Mercury News, a San Jose, California, newspaper, said a Palestinian state should not be based on Arafat's Palestinian Authority, which she said was "corrupt and cavorts with terror."

Asked about the Rice comment, Arafat said Monday that "she does not have the right to put or impose orders on us about what to do or not to do."

"We are doing what we see as good for our people and we do not accept any orders from anyone," Arafat said while touring schools in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

Monday's aborted attack took place near the Israeli Arab village of Marja, in Israeli territory close to the West Bank. As border police approached a Palestinian man to check him, he set off the explosives he was carrying, damaging the police patrol vehicle but causing no injuries to the police. **AP**

'Ma blessed son before he died in Gaza attack

GAZA CITY—In a farewell videotape before Mahmoud el Abed embarked on a suicidal attack, he sat holding hands with his mother, who prayed for him to become a "martyr" as she conferred her blessing. "May every bullet hit its target," she said.

When news arrived a day later that her son had died in an attack that killed two Israeli soldiers, Naima el Abed celebrated by ululating and clapping her hands, her friends said.

Her son, age 19, was one of several armed Palestinians who launched a shooting attack against the Jewish settlement of Dugit in the Gaza Strip late Saturday night—one of several attempted attacks on Israeli targets in Gaza over the weekend. The assailants did not succeed in infiltrating Dugit, home to several dozen Jewish families, but the gunbattle also wounded four Israeli soldiers.

The radical Islamic group Hamas claimed responsibility Sunday for the assault.

"Our children are in heaven, their children are in hell," Naima el Abed said Sunday at her son's funeral.

In a farewell video that Palestinian suicide bombers and gunmen often make before attacks, Mahmoud el Abed, a slight man with a wispy mustache, urged his friends to pray for him to obtain a place in paradise.

Many Muslims believe that dying in an attack against Israel makes them a "martyr" and will earn them a place in paradise and the ability to nominate friends and family to join them.

The attackers regularly make videos of themselves before an attack, but the inclusion of Mahmoud el Abed's mother was unusual.

The two sat side by side in white plastic chairs. As Mahmoud el Abed leaned toward his mother and told her he was about to embark on a "martyrdom" operation, she reached up and put her arm around him.

"This is the best day of my life. God willing, you will become a martyr and you will be successful. May every bullet hit its target," Naima el Abed told her son in the video. **AP**

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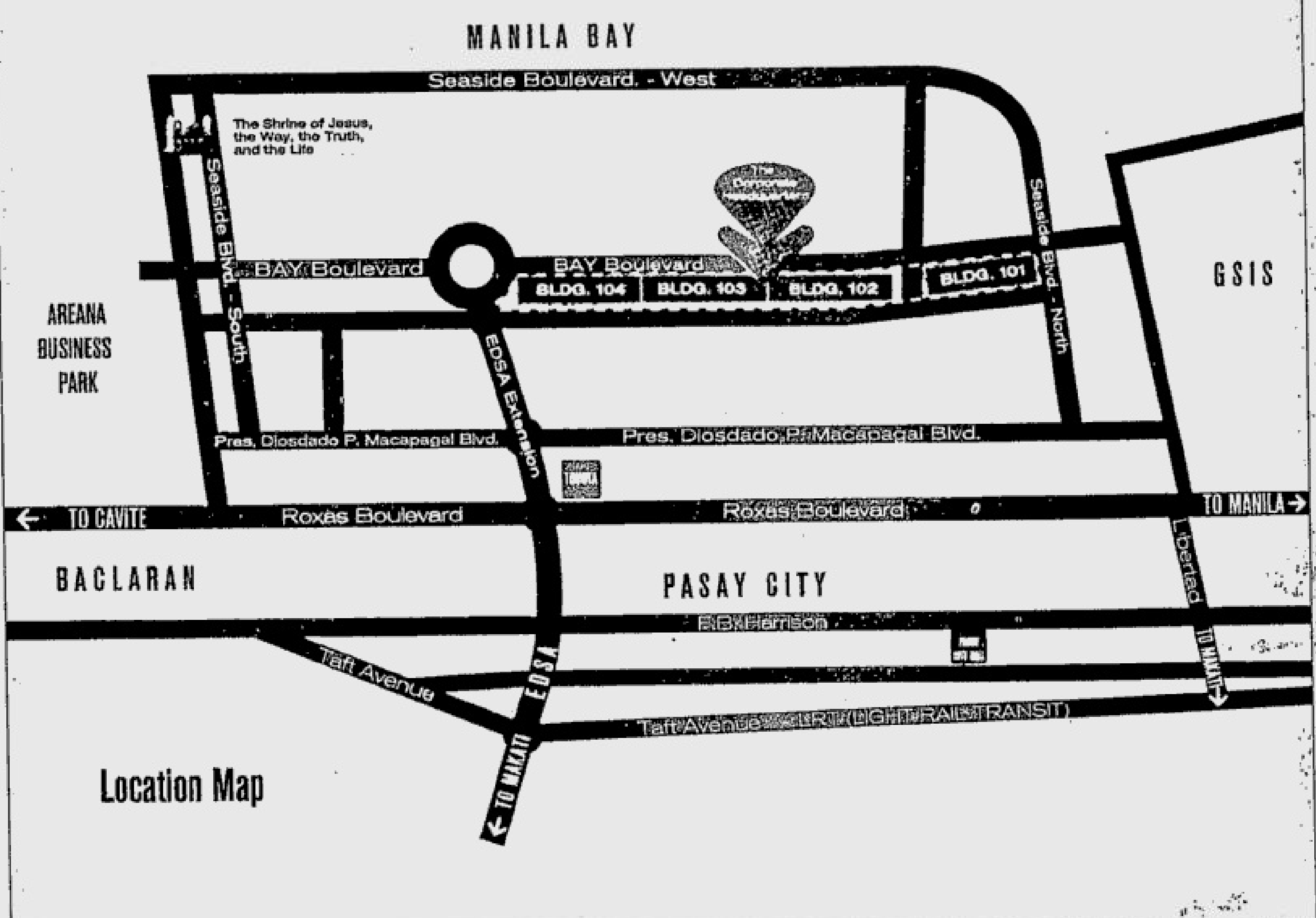

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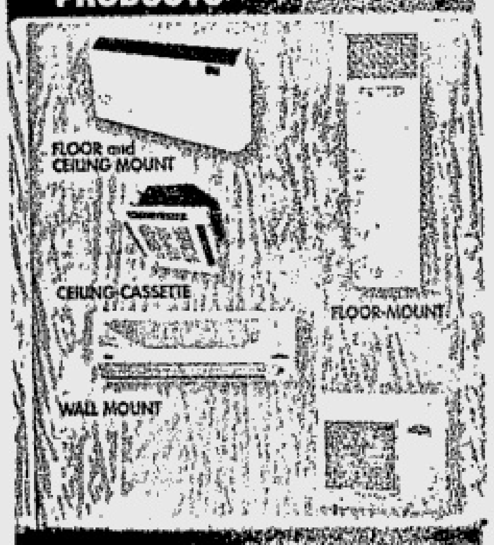

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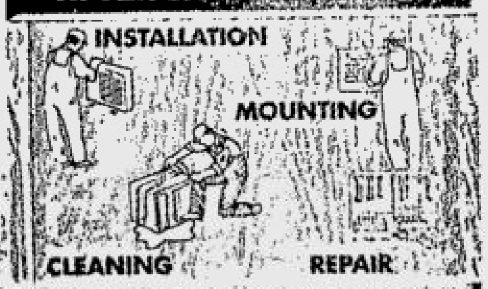

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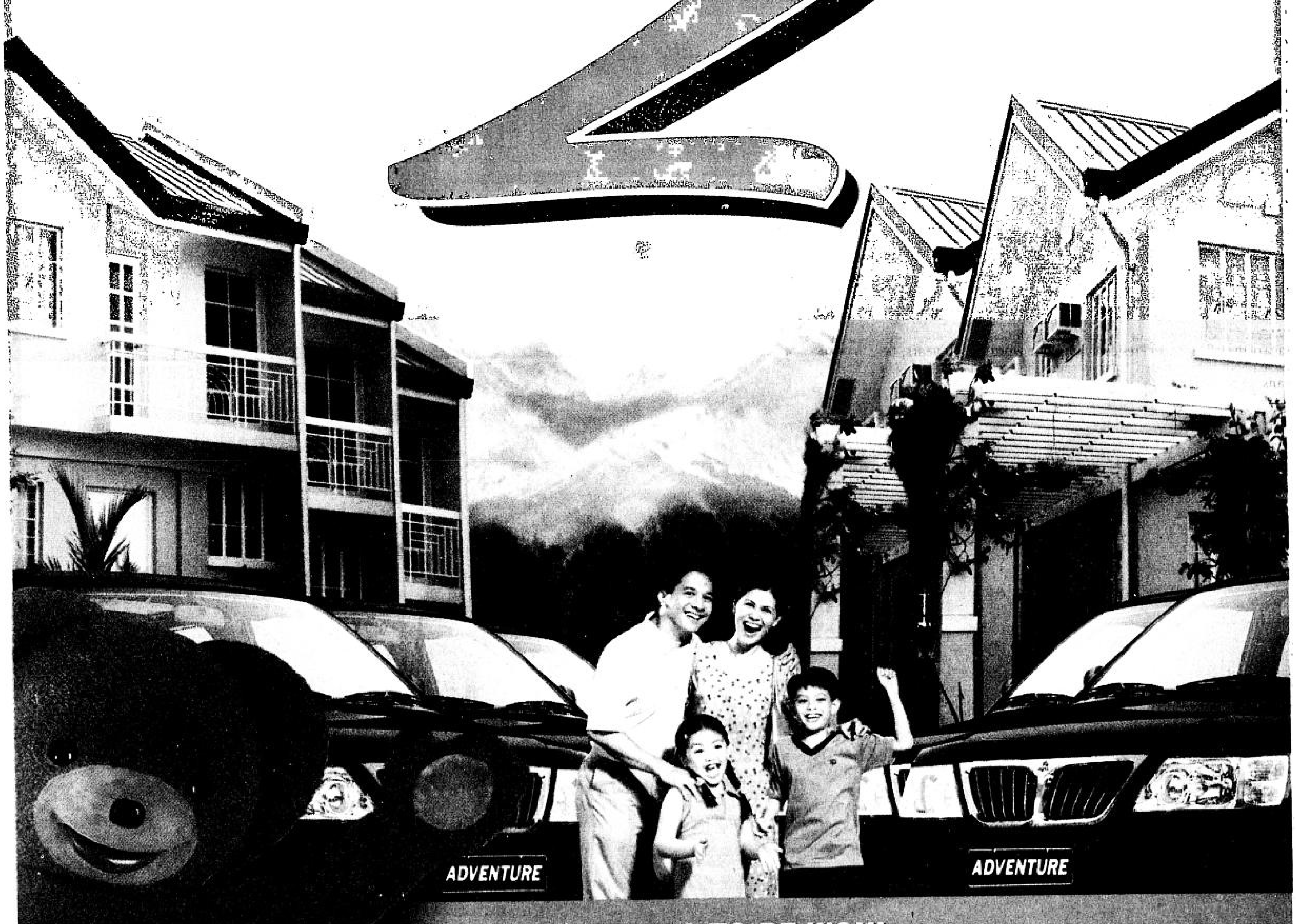

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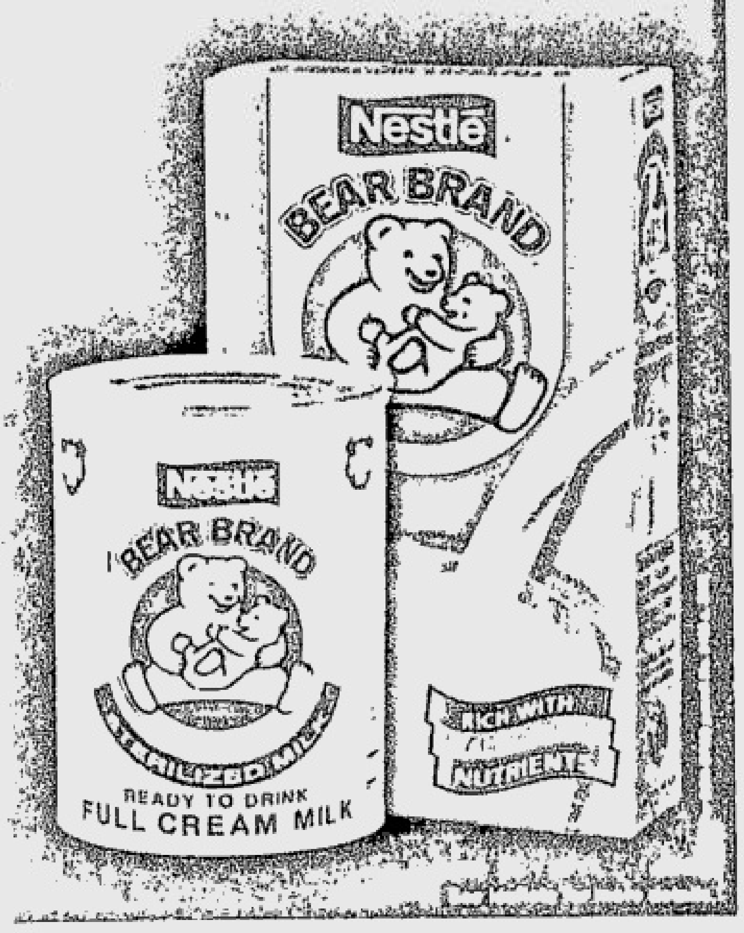

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Indonesian leader denies he misused gov't funds

JAKARTA—Fighting back tears at his corruption trial, the speaker of Indonesia's Parliament testified that he feels "heavy hearted" about being accused of misusing state funds and denied any wrongdoing.

"The public already considers me guilty. But I don't think I've done anything wrong," Akbar Tandjung told a courtroom filled with 100 of his supporters. It was his first time taking the stand in his three-month-long trial.

Tandjung is charged with abuse of power and corruption for allegedly misusing dlrs 4.5 million of funds from state food agency Bulog that were earmarked for food distribution in 1999. The crimes allegedly took place when he was the government's state secretary.

On Monday, he blamed a codefendant for misusing the money.

President Megawati Sukarnoputri has promised to get tough on powerful politicians who break the law. Tandjung's case is considered a test of Megawati's willingness to act on those promises and reform a court system seen as corrupt and inefficient.

Tandjung initially appeared composed as he methodically answered questions about the Bulog scandal. But towards the end of his four-hour testimony, he lamented tearfully that the public had already branded him a crook.

"I feel heavy hearted because the situation is very serious," he told the court. *AP*

AN ENTREPRENEUR sits idly in his closed Internet café in Beijing on June 17 after an early morning blaze at an illegal cyber café killed 24 people and injured 13. REUTERS

Beijing's Internet cafes shut down

BEIJING—Beijing has closed its 2,400 Internet cafes for safety checks after a fire killed 24 people at an unlicensed cafe, and plans to let only 200 reopen, a city government spokesperson said Monday.

Also Monday, police said the owner of the cafe destroyed by the predawn blaze Sunday in the Chinese capital's university district had turned himself in and was under investigation.

Beijing Mayor Liu Qi has ordered 2,200 of the city's Internet cafes closed because they fail to meet safety and other standards, said the spokesman. He would give only his surname, Fan.

The other 200 are properly licensed and will be allowed to reopen after the city draws up new regulations, he said.

The closures coincide with a crackdown on Internet cafes nationwide meant to tighten Chinese government control of Web use.

Officials contend that Internet cafes are polluting the minds of children and teenagers with pornography and subversive material. Internet cafes are required to install special software to track which sites users visit, and thousands have been closed for failing to do so.

However, Fan said the closures in Beijing were ordered only for safety reasons.

"This is done purely to save people's lives and property," Fan said.

State media called the fire Sunday at an unlicensed Internet cafe the deadliest in the Chinese capital in more than 50 years.

Cafe owner Zheng Wenjing, 36, turned himself in Sunday, said Liu Wei, spokesperson for Beijing's Public Security Bureau. Liu wouldn't say what charges Zheng might face.

More than 30 million people use the Internet in China although many families can't afford to buy computers.

The communist government encourages Web access as a way to promote commerce, yet has also taken pains to stifle dissent by blocking sites that it considers subversive.

Internet bars are required to report attempts to open Web sites deemed subversive, including those run by foreign media and the banned Falun Gong spiritual group. *AP*

Grand council turns to Karzai to break logjam

KABUL—Newly elected Afghan leader Hamid Karzai addresses the grand council Monday to try to break a logjam over the makeup of the new legislature on the historic loya jirga's last scheduled day.

Ismail Qasim Yar, chair of the loya jirga, invited Karzai to address the 1,650 delegates Sunday after the assembly erupted in arguments and accusations over what kind of legislature should represent a fragmented population.

Frustrated delegates left the tent by the dozens after Qasim Yar announced the morning session was devoted to more speeches—and no action. As the morning session wore on, only about 10 percent remained inside.

"We are just repeating the discussions and hearing the same things. There are issues that should be discussed. Karzai should have come here earlier and announce a Cabinet that is balanced," said delegate Abdul Qader Khan of Kandahar.

Talks have bogged down as delegates charged with establishing a legislature try to decide between an assembly based entirely on geography or one based on population.

Karzai spent the evening meeting with delegates to discuss their concerns and proposals.

Nevertheless, frustration was spreading among the delegations that decisions were being made without their participation.

"On a scale of zero to 100, I would put the progress at zero," said Omar Zakilwal, a delegate representing Jalalabad. "It's been seven days and all we've done is elect a president—with a result that was predetermined.

"I think this loya jirga is not about changing the system. This change has been resisted through intimidation, pressure, bribery and persuasion."

"If the grand council leadership says, 'We have appointed our own parliament,' then all of this loya jirga—even the election of Karzai—will mean nothing. It will be illegitimate," he said.

The loya jirga, based on Afghan tradition, was convened last Tuesday under a UN-guided blueprint to chart the country's immediate future. It drew more than 1,600 Afghan delegates from around the country and abroad in a two-step selection process that critics said was rife with intimidation and harassment.

The meeting was supposed to end Sunday but was moved till Monday. The foreign minister, Dr. Abdullah, has suggested extending the council for two more days.

The loya jirga has managed to accomplish only one of its major tasks—choosing a president, which it did Thursday night. Still unresolved are the shape of the Cabinet and the form of the legislature. *AP*

30 YEARS LATER

Watergate pair still mum on 'Deep Throat'

WASHINGTON—Nothing in the saga of the fall of former President Richard Nixon has riveted Americans more than the identity of "Deep Throat," whose parking-garage advice led the way to the truth for a pair of young reporters.

On the eve of the publication of "Unmasking Deep Throat," a book by former Nixon aide John Dean that Dean said has reduced to "about a thimbleful" the names of people who might be Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein's famed anonymous source, the writers held to their 30-year silence Sunday.

Woodward, Bernstein, Dean and other Watergate figures reminisced on Sunday's television talk shows about the 1970s scandal that began with the pre-dawn June 17, 1972, break-in of an office in Washington's elegant Watergate building and ended more than two years later with the resignation of the 37th president.

The office was that of the national committee for the Democratic Party—Nixon's competition.

Woodward, asked about a project by university students in Illinois that eliminated all but seven White House aides as Deep Throat possibilities, and the students' unanimous surmise that Deep Throat was commentator and former Nixon aide Pat Buchanan, Woodward said: "You're going to get a kind of deep silence from us on this subject."

"We have talked about it, and we had eliminated some people, but lots of people have died, and the list is narrowed. And for us it's really a principle. It's about keeping our word for 30 years, because the process of reporting involves having those confidential sources who will say, 'This is what's really going on.'"

As he has before, Woodward said on television network NBC's "Meet the Press" that their source's identity would be revealed only after the source dies or releases the reporters from their confidentiality pledge.

Dean's 158-page e-book included the names of five people he said may have been Deep Throat, including Buchanan and Ron Ziegler, Nixon's press secretary. The $8 book is being sold on the Web site of Salon.com.

The list also included Steve Bull, an assistant to Nixon; appointment secretary Dwight Chapin; Raymond Price, a special assistant to Nixon; and Jerry Warren, Ziegler's assistant.

Dean said on television network CBS' "Face the Nation" that when he broke ranks, "I realized my days were numbered, because I could no longer serve as the desk officer of the cover-up and be giving him that kind of advice."

"I don't think initially he wanted to make me a scapegoat. He wanted to sort of protect himself through me," Dean said. It was only later, he said, that Nixon decided that "everybody was expendable but himself."

Branded a traitor by Nixon and fired, Dean gave damning testimony before the Senate Watergate Committee. *AP*

Kim's 2nd son faces questioning

SEOUL—President Kim Dae-jung faced fresh embarrassment on Monday when South Korean prosecutors said they would summon his second son for questioning about an influence-peddling case that is part of a widening scandal.

Police indicted second son Kim Hong-up's younger brother Kim Hong-gul on June 5 on charges of influence peddling and tax evasion.

"We've decided to summon him (Kim Hong-up) at 3 p.m. on Wednesday," a spokesperson for the National Prosecutors' Office said.

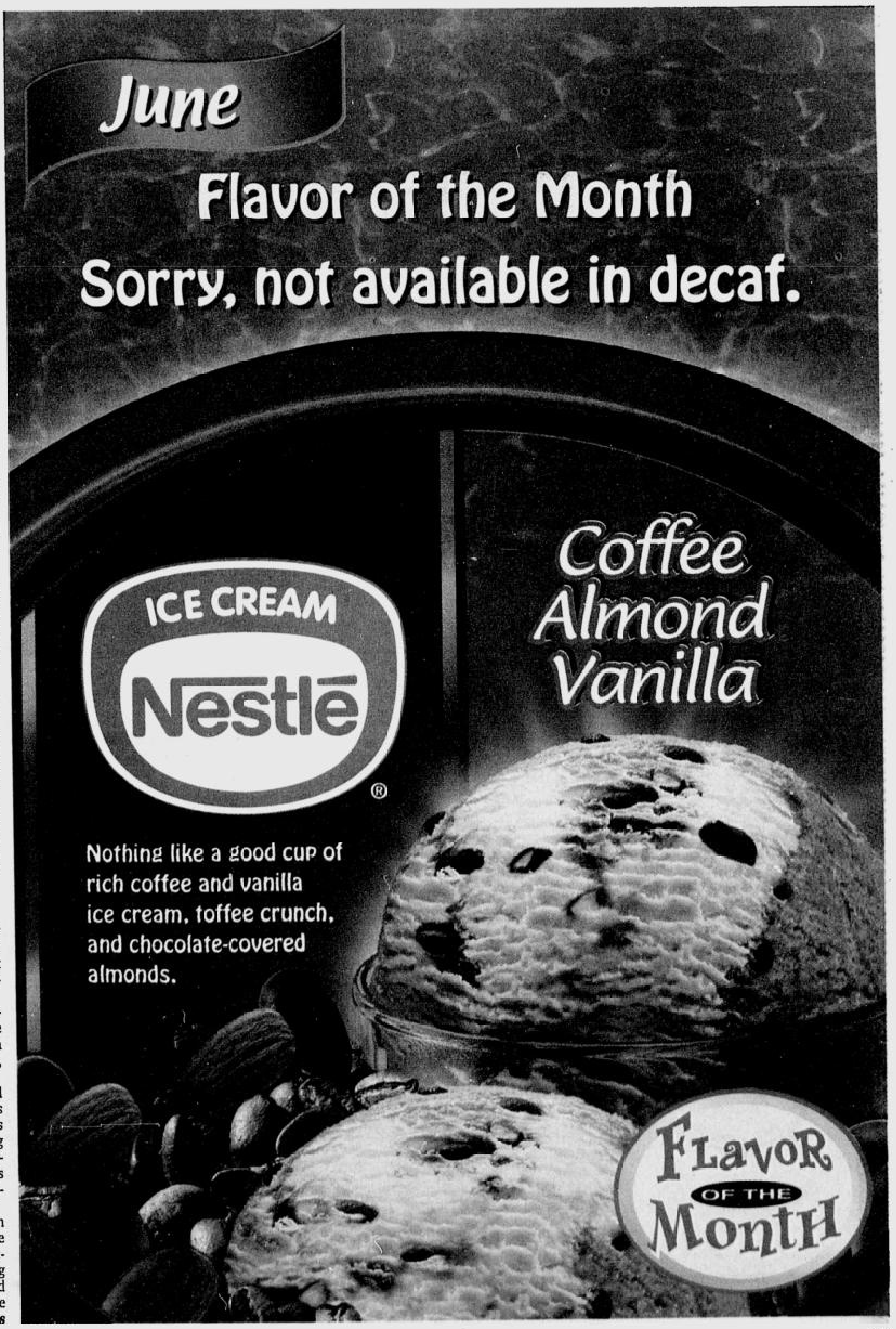
The growing scandal has been a major blow for the 77-year-old president as he completes his last months in office ahead of a presidential election in December and in the midst of the World Cup soccer finals.

He has suffered the additional humiliation of seeing his ruling party routed in local elections in which the protest vote against corruption was an important factor.

"I see this more as a manifestation of the loss of power that the Korean president experiences in his last year," said Michael Breen, author of ``The Koreans."

Kim Hong-up, who is 52 and previously headed his father's non-profit Peace Foundation, has been linked to a scandal involving alleged money-laundering and influence-peddling in business deals. He has denied any wrongdoing.

The president, who steps down in February at the end of his single five-year term, has not been accused of any personal wrongdoing in a scandal that has ensnared some of his closest aides in the presidential Blue House. *Reuters*


June
Flavor of the Month
Sorry, not available in decaf.
Coffee Almond Vanilla
Nothing like a good cup of rich coffee and vanilla ice cream, toffee crunch, and chocolate-covered almonds.

BIR COLLECTION PERFORMANCE MONITOR

2002 First Quarter Collection based on Consolidated Monthly Statistics of Revenue Collection under BIR Form No. 12.09

To introduce transparency and accountability in the administration and collection of taxes, the Bureau of Internal Revenue will begin publishing on a regular basis a series of public information documents. The first of these is a Collection Performance Monitor (CPM). The CPM, which will be published quarterly, is part of a broader program of the Bureau to institutionalize a performance culture in tax administration. The first quarter CPM for 2002 is hereby presented.

REVENUE REGIONS/DISTRICTS	Regional Directors/ Revenue District Officers *	FIRST QUARTER							SECOND QUARTER
		2002 Actual Collections	2001 Actual Collections	Compared to Previous Year Increase/(Decrease) Amount	%	2002 Goal**	Collection vs. Goal Amount	%	2002 Goal**
GRAND TOTAL		92,335,889,123.24	87,695,974,299.83	4,639,914,823.41	5.29	99,502,747,000.00	(7,166,857,876.76)	(7.20)	123,041,778,000.00
1 CALASIAO, PANGASINAN	**Buenaventura Ruben B**	630,093,676.32	550,594,023.92	79,499,652.40	14.44	627,109,000.00	2,984,676.32	0.48	788,128,000.00
1 - Laoag City	Annang Florante R	78,796,624.99	64,255,051.08	14,541,573.91	22.63	77,635,000.00	1,161,624.99	1.50	99,481,000.00
2 - Vigan, Ilocos Sur	Bueno Imelda A	84,169,855.53	58,340,707.50	25,829,148.03	44.27	86,389,000.00	(2,219,144.47)	(2.57)	112,920,000.00
3 - San Fernando, La Union	Ferrer Yolanda B	146,461,337.71	117,901,875.49	28,559,462.22	24.22	138,041,000.00	8,420,337.71	6.10	160,713,000.00
4 - Calasiao, Pangasinan	Aquino Artemio D	121,718,061.41	123,144,392.32	(1,426,330.91)	(1.16)	124,243,000.00	(2,524,938.59)	(2.03)	146,938,000.00
5 - Alaminos, Pangasinan	Militante Crescente A	96,444,878.36	95,234,651.28	1,210,227.08	1.27	92,167,000.00	4,277,878.36	4.64	112,116,000.00
6 - Urdaneta, Pangasinan	Mindanao Rodolfo Jr B	102,502,918.32	91,717,346.25	10,785,572.07	11.76	108,634,000.00	(6,131,081.68)	(5.64)	136,960,000.00
2 CORDILLERA ADMIN. REGION	**Martinez Estrella V**	575,347,820.56	416,686,225.70	158,661,594.86	38.08	501,634,000.00	73,713,820.56	14.69	574,314,000.00
7 - Bangued, Abra	Paderes Elmer A	17,571,157.60	14,075,898.11	3,495,259.49	24.83	15,588,000.00	1,983,157.60	12.72	19,880,000.00
8 - Baguio City	Navarro Amado Q	413,470,776.29	277,098,382.64	136,372,393.65	49.21	325,402,000.00	88,068,776.29	27.06	370,760,000.00
9 - La Trinidad, Benguet	Romero Arnulfo B	89,911,508.29	69,333,485.05	20,578,023.24	29.68	84,470,000.00	5,441,508.29	6.44	113,528,000.00
10 - Bontoc, Mt. Province	Tangkia Conrado P	12,254,685.28	13,003,332.89	(748,647.61)	(5.76)	18,602,000.00	(6,347,314.72)	(34.12)	17,084,000.00
11 - Tabuk, Kalinga-Apayao	Quirino Daisy W	28,587,106.83	32,266,285.09	(3,679,178.26)	(11.40)	44,188,000.00	(15,600,893.17)	(35.31)	36,972,000.00
12 - Lagawe, Ifugao		13,552,586.07	10,908,841.92	2,643,744.15	24.23	13,384,000.00	168,586.07	1.26	16,100,000.00
3 TUGUEGARAO,CAGAYAN	**Concepcion Jaime Q**	314,225,229.57	282,602,041.96	31,623,187.61	11.19	321,598,000.00	(7,372,770.43)	(2.29)	360,731,000.00
13 - Tuguegarao, Cagayan	Ramos Quirino Jr A	148,447,705.75	115,289,335.75	33,158,370.00	28.76	131,713,000.00	16,734,705.75	12.71	127,868,000.00
14 - Bayombong, N. Vizcaya	Agraam Narissa C	39,288,165.63	34,091,605.75	5,196,559.88	15.24	38,380,000.00	908,165.63	2.37	53,373,000.00
15 - Ilagan, Isabela	Organo Honorato R	114,180,288.92	118,504,499.78	(4,324,210.86)	(3.65)	134,816,000.00	(20,635,711.08)	(15.31)	154,407,000.00
16 - Cabarroguis, Quirino	Flores Cleofe L	12,309,069.27	14,716,600.68	(2,407,531.41)	(16.36)	16,689,000.00	(4,379,930.73)	(26.24)	25,083,000.00
4 SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA	**Montemayor Antonio F**	1,210,681,981.67	1,230,118,234.21	(19,436,252.54)	(1.58)	1,337,264,000.00	(126,582,018.33)	(9.47)	1,497,082,000.00
17 - Tarlac, Tarlac	Sarthou Rosalie U	191,181,532.67	181,223,930.77	9,957,601.90	5.49	196,551,000.00	(5,369,467.33)	(2.73)	220,132,000.00
18 - Olongapo City	Baluyut Eduardo A	84,596,362.56	71,178,166.31	13,418,196.25	18.85	90,843,000.00	(6,246,637.44)	(6.88)	101,743,000.00
19 - Subic Free Port Zone	Rosario Maridur V	153,350,751.58	211,210,905.71	(57,860,154.13)	(27.39)	182,694,000.00	(29,343,248.42)	(16.06)	204,613,000.00
20 - Balanga, Bataan	Dy Beltran A	111,214,265.69	117,705,341.03	(6,491,075.34)	(5.51)	156,437,000.00	(45,222,734.31)	(28.91)	175,204,000.00
21 - San Fernando, Pampanga	Navarro Liberato L	494,909,693.21	467,975,567.17	26,934,126.04	5.76	522,588,000.00	(27,678,306.79)	(5.30)	584,668,000.00
22 - Baler, Quezon	Amatoria Aurora L	18,326,548.10	17,465,455.55	861,092.55	4.93	18,715,000.00	(388,451.90)	(2.08)	20,961,000.00
23 - Cabanatuan City, N. Ecija	Villegas Flordeliza P	157,102,827.86	163,358,867.67	(6,256,039.81)	(3.83)	169,436,000.00	(12,333,172.14)	(7.28)	189,761,000.00
5 VALENZUELA, METRO MANILA	**Valeroso Nestor S**	1,129,707,662.37	1,156,482,520.34	(26,774,857.97)	(2.32)	1,369,336,000.00	(239,628,337.63)	(17.50)	1,555,832,000.00
24 - Valenzuela, Metro Manila	Morano Orsino M	226,942,204.49	257,409,671.59	(30,467,467.10)	(11.84)	301,215,000.00	(74,272,795.51)	(24.66)	323,707,000.00
25 - Malolos, Bulacan	Pantanilla Erlinda SD	386,481,046.48	395,795,740.96	(9,314,694.48)	(2.35)	471,960,000.00	(85,478,953.52)	(18.11)	552,079,000.00
26 - Malabon-Navotas	De Guzman Manna C	226,669,604.67	200,081,406.09	26,588,198.58	13.29	238,963,000.00	(12,293,395.33)	(5.14)	291,400,000.00
27 - Caloocan City	Bajador Eduardo T	289,614,806.73	303,195,701.70	(13,580,894.97)	(4.48)	357,198,000.00	(67,583,193.27)	(18.92)	388,646,000.00
6 MANILA	**Sumera Ruperto P**	15,043,613,093.42	10,014,509,377.14	5,029,103,716.28	50.22	8,622,503,000.00	6,420,111,093.42	74.47	11,000,322,000.00
29 - San Nicolas-Tondo	Chio Orlando V	195,953,301.90	266,992,600.28	(71,039,298.30)	(26.61)	200,860,000.00	(4,906,698.11)	(2.44)	385,008,000.00
30 - Binondo	Tobias Lorna a	213,899,215.65	245,275,167.10	(31,375,951.45)	(12.79)	130,440,000.00	83,459,215.65	63.98	237,034,000.00
31 - Sta. Cruz	Baynosa Pepito B	161,663,865.95	148,183,330.80	13,480,535.15	9.10	137,979,000.00	23,684,865.95	17.17	260,735,000.00
32 - Quiapo, Samp. San Miguel	Wong Benito B	369,050,941.85	488,161,620.17	(119,110,678.32)	(24.40)	353,334,000.00	15,716,941.85	4.45	642,079,000.00
33 - Intramuros-Ermita-Malate***	Garcia Zenaida G	13,688,661,663.83	8,482,746,759.78	5,205,914,904.05	61.37	7,436,437,000.00	6,252,224,663.83	84.08	8,934,636,000.00
34 - Paco-Pandacan-Sta. Ana	Alarcon David J	302,148,393.77	280,552,389.95	21,596,003.82	7.70	265,499,000.00	36,649,393.77	13.80	482,829,000.00
35 - Romblon, Romblon	Martinez Amador L	17,959,969.22	12,389,188.41	5,570,780.81	44.96	13,363,000.00	4,596,969.22	34.40	24,285,000.00
36 - Puerto Princesa	Alcantra Solon B	69,800,268.36	68,419,887.99	1,380,380.37	2.02	63,506,000.00	6,294,268.36	9.91	116,403,000.00
37 - San Jose, Occ. Mindoro	Ruzol Leonor R	24,475,472.90	21,788,232.66	2,687,240.24	12.33	21,085,000.00	3,390,472.90	16.08	36,316,000.00
7 QUEZON CITY	**Duncano Danilo A**	7,697,476,956.90	7,466,451,038.25	231,025,918.65	3.09	9,006,211,000.00	(1,308,734,043.10)	(14.53)	9,956,425,000.00
28 - Novaliches	Kho Ernesto T	210,742,394.72	188,705,833.64	22,036,561.08	11.68	244,545,000.00	(33,802,605.28)	(13.82)	274,960,000.00
38 - North Quezon City	Amora Jonas DP	812,878,749.13	837,747,542.00	(24,868,792.87)	(2.97)	922,329,000.00	(109,450,250.87)	(11.87)	1,036,090,000.00
39 - South Quezon City	Cangco Ramon Tadeo M	1,710,355,006.73	1,518,601,341.35	191,753,665.38	12.63	1,907,142,000.00	(196,786,993.27)	(10.32)	2,144,214,000.00
40 - Cubao, Quezon City	Nacar Calvelina S	921,619,644.62	855,136,232.52	66,483,412.10	7.77	1,042,575,000.00	(120,955,355.38)	(11.60)	1,172,183,000.00
41 - Mandaluyong	Casala Isidro Jr T	888,542,752.54	893,823,741.29	(5,280,988.75)	(0.59)	1,026,985,000.00	(138,442,247.46)	(13.48)	1,154,665,000.00
42 - San Juan	Leynes Cesario C	257,352,494.20	240,557,199.10	16,795,295.10	6.98	339,689,000.00	(82,336,505.80)	(24.24)	381,029,000.00
43 - Pasig	Naranjo Romeo E	2,424,287,129.21	2,377,619,020.59	46,668,108.62	1.96	2,796,752,000.00	(372,464,870.79)	(13.32)	2,974,099,000.00
45 - Marikina	Capitan Frederick P	245,586,807.44	312,389,367.23	(66,802,559.79)	(21.38)	348,474,000.00	(102,887,192.56)	(29.53)	391,606,000.00
46 - Cainta-Taytay	Imperio Josue E	226,111,978.31	241,870,760.53	(15,758,782.22)	(6.52)	377,720,000.00	(151,608,021.69)	(40.14)	424,669,000.00
8 MAKATI	**Ortega Antonio I**	8,373,616,082.45	7,617,014,093.47	756,601,988.98	9.93	8,847,905,000.00	(474,288,917.55)	(5.36)	11,230,818,000.00
44 - Taguig-Pateros	Ragasa Rosemarie R	547,945,739.41	319,880,472.22	228,065,267.19	71.30	462,629,000.00	85,316,739.41	18.44	558,555,000.00
47 - East Makati	Madulara Simplicio A	1,715,639,787.83	1,516,380,742.49	199,259,045.34	13.14	1,765,060,000.00	(49,420,212.17)	(2.80)	2,245,359,000.00
48 - West Makati	Plana Nor Alfredo B	570,300,907.78	728,360,332.37	(158,059,424.59)	(21.70)	719,315,000.00	(149,014,092.22)	(20.72)	1,031,132,000.00
49 - North Makati	Baquiran Roberto A	905,463,632.21	1,137,694,299.33	(232,230,667.12)	(20.41)	1,063,936,000.00	(158,472,367.79)	(14.89)	1,319,312,000.00
50 - South Makati	Aranas Perfecto L	1,896,456,100.87	1,645,554,278.66	250,901,822.21	15.25	1,997,944,000.00	(101,487,899.13)	(5.08)	2,553,454,000.00
51 - Pasay City	Quimsong Elenita B	687,125,589.20	524,726,874.72	162,398,714.48	30.95	800,592,000.00	(113,466,410.80)	(14.17)	931,102,000.00
52 - Paranaque	Basod Carmelita R	716,014,990.89	659,088,899.28	56,926,091.61	8.64	837,432,000.00	(121,417,009.11)	(14.50)	1,047,352,000.00
53 - Las Piñas-Muntinlupa	Quito Marcelino M	1,334,669,334.26	1,085,327,194.40	249,342,139.86	22.97	1,200,997,000.00	133,672,334.26	11.13	1,544,552,000.00
9 SAN PABLO CITY	**Sayuno Lucien E**	3,106,589,417.77	3,271,130,748.48	(164,541,330.71)	(5.03)	3,621,521,000.00	(514,931,582.23)	(14.22)	4,342,712,000.00
54 - Trece Martires City	Sumatrado Enrique F	910,396,725.01	903,573,861.85	6,822,863.16	0.76	1,041,662,000.00	(131,265,274.99)	(12.60)	1,241,448,000.00
55 - San Pablo City	Vazquez Edmundo A	313,848,032.54	185,990,398.21	127,857,634.33	68.74	120,856,000.00	192,992,032.54	159.69	138,065,000.00
56 - Calamba, Laguna	Cuartedo Edna F	423,451,296.73	472,723,096.42	(49,271,799.69)	(10.42)	496,952,000.00	(73,500,703.27)	(14.79)	591,009,000.00
57 - San Pedro, Laguna	Narnola Wilfredo Z	737,192,230.61	728,082,589.88	9,109,640.73	1.25	862,429,000.00	(125,236,769.39)	(14.52)	1,057,350,000.00
58 - Batangas City	Leron Juan P	216,248,520.12	511,537,024.33	(295,288,504.21)	(57.73)	465,459,000.00	(249,210,479.88)	(53.54)	570,849,000.00
59 - Lipa City	Bacong Romeo A	200,177,866.54	203,086,831.26	(2,908,964.72)	(1.43)	279,448,000.00	(79,270,133.46)	(28.37)	327,343,000.00
60 - Lucena City	Guce Guillermo R	229,396,127.66	192,611,433.16	36,784,694.50	19.10	255,341,000.00	(25,944,872.34)	(10.16)	307,004,000.00
61 - Gumaca, Quezon	Alfonso Maria M	23,090,384.26	19,579,994.70	3,510,389.56	17.93	28,212,000.00	(5,121,615.74)	(18.15)	31,887,000.00
62 - Boac, Marinduque	Cosico Erlinda T	11,667,396.59	12,958,205.87	(1,290,809.28)	(9.96)	15,287,000.00	(3,619,603.41)	(23.68)	15,644,000.00
63 - Calapan, Oriental Mindoro	Flores Muriel P	41,120,837.71	40,987,312.80	133,524.91	0.33	56,875,000.00	(15,754,162.29)	(27.70)	61,213,000.00
10 LEGASPI CITY	**Sacamos Leonardo Q**	476,263,305.15	415,651,833.32	60,611,471.83	14.58	477,348,000.00	(1,084,694.85)	(0.23)	469,567,000.00
64 - Daet, Camarines Norte	Belon Ma Luisa I	31,798,370.16	25,832,589.42	5,965,780.74	23.09	29,303,000.00	2,495,370.16	8.52	53,829,000.00
65 - Naga City	Ante Rafaelito S	92,008,652.92	90,546,959.12	1,461,693.80	1.61	103,740,000.00	(11,731,347.08)	(11.31)	133,573,000.00
66 - Iriga City, Camarines Sur	Molina Renato N	29,538,436.84	26,190,425.50	3,348,011.34	12.78	30,236,000.00	(697,563.16)	(2.31)	38,590,000.00
67 - Legaspi City	Lafuente Socorro R	254,359,591.11	199,561,210.06	54,798,381.05	27.46	227,820,000.00	26,539,591.11	11.65	154,583,000.00
68 - Sorsogon, Sorsogon	Llaneta Eduardo F	29,189,492.27	40,941,203.96	(11,751,711.69)	(28.70)	47,221,000.00	(18,031,507.73)	(38.19)	43,231,000.00
69 - Virac, Catanduanes	King Ramon Jr T	16,288,534.46	14,541,214.56	1,747,319.90	12.02	16,587,000.00	(298,465.54)	(1.80)	10,692,000.00
70 - Masbate, Masbate	Cosuga Danny R	23,080,227.39	18,038,230.70	5,041,996.69	27.95	22,441,000.00	639,227.39	2.85	26,060,000.00
11 ILOILO CITY	**Aguas Rene Q**	577,137,477.80	466,609,979.96	110,527,497.84	23.69	519,528,000.00	57,609,477.80	11.09	669,673,000.00
71 - Kalibo, Aklan	De Aro Eralen B	45,728,648.74	49,521,902.60	(3,793,253.86)	(7.66)	35,276,000.00	10,452,648.74	29.63	45,471,000.00
72 - Roxas City	Galanto Rodita B	44,221,962.40	48,254,990.83	(4,033,028.43)	(10.04)	38,290,000.00	5,931,962.40	15.49	49,356,000.00
73 - San Jose, Antique	Doran Josefa T	21,062,867.77	28,233,526.87	(7,170,659.10)	(25.40)	20,574,000.00	488,867.77	2.38	26,819,000.00
74 - Iloilo City	Recio Raul Vicente L	417,264,820.34	281,263,276.43	136,001,553.91	48.35	389,490,000.00	27,774,820.34	7.13	502,054,000.00
75 - Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo	Tambis Rey Antonio L	48,859,169.55	58,436,284.23	(9,577,114.68)	(16.39)	35,898,000.00	12,961,169.55	36.11	46,273,000.00
12 BACOLOD CITY	**Flores Sonia L**	513,842,616.31	542,048,018.57	(28,205,402.26)	(5.20)	609,566,000.00	(95,723,383.69)	(15.70)	631,454,000.00
76 - Victorias, Negros Occ.	Maestral Jesus Jr. J	86,622,532.24	177,433,344.10	(90,810,811.86)	(51.18)	96,974,000.00	(10,351,467.76)	(10.67)	117,916,000.00
77 - Bacolod City	San Jose Godofredo Jr M	243,644,831.28	213,591,045.54	30,053,785.74	14.07	296,994,000.00	(53,349,168.72)	(17.96)	305,953,000.00
78 - Binalbagan, Negros Occ	Buaya Sergio E	54,927,927.55	73,524,473.60	(18,596,546.05)	(25.29)	93,511,000.00	(38,583,072.45)	(41.26)	73,746,000.00
79 - Dumaguete City		128,647,325.24	77,499,155.24	51,148,170.00	66.00	122,087,000.00	6,560,325.24	5.37	133,840,000.00
13 CEBU CITY	**Santiago Jaime B**	1,680,774,716.73	2,226,379,926.25	(545,605,209.52)	(24.51)	1,679,500,000.00	1,274,716.73	0.08	1,450,616,000.00
80 - Mandaue City	Narvaez Romer D	485,217,150.84	957,389,937.69	(472,172,786.85)	(49.32)	458,170,000.00	27,047,150.84	5.90	395,726,000.00
81 - Cebu City	Lopez Estrella S	777,863,712.37	844,539,042.15	(66,675,329.78)	(7.89)	659,177,000.00	118,686,712.37	18.01	569,345,000.00
82 - Cebu City South	De Castro Florante C	228,477,526.54	261,879,851.05	(33,402,324.51)	(12.75)	242,019,000.00	(13,541,473.46)	(5.60)	209,037,000.00
83 - Talisay, Cebu	Elvero Wilma T	105,346,341.75	87,357,018.59	17,989,323.16	20.59	184,794,000.00	(79,447,658.25)	(42.99)	159,611,000.00
84 - Tagbilaran City		83,869,985.23	75,214,076.77	8,655,908.46	11.51	135,340,000.00	(51,470,014.77)	(38.03)	116,897,000.00
14 TACLOBAN CITY	**Misajo Alfredo V**	451,448,163.44	466,407,939.08	(14,959,775.64)	(3.21)	418,862,000.00	32,586,163.44	7.78	560,826,000.00
85 - Catarman, Northern Samar	Gayas Eduardo B	32,890,557.48	18,069,512.71	14,821,044.77	82.02	24,832,000.00	8,058,557.48	32.45	33,246,000.00
86 - Borongan, East Samar	Espina Rolando B	26,828,084.44	17,534,236.58	9,293,847.86	53.00	21,246,000.00	5,582,084.44	26.27	28,448,000.00
87 - Catbalogan, Samar	Cardona Christine M	40,395,939.62	35,912,810.94	4,483,128.68	12.48	34,865,000.00	5,530,939.62	15.86	46,684,000.00
88 - Tacloban City	Cabuano Imelda D	188,235,328.58	178,924,366.75	9,310,961.83	5.20	199,237,000.00	(11,001,671.42)	(5.52)	260,762,000.00
89 - Ormoc City	Columpiano Evangeline P	138,779,010.63	197,287,648.30	(58,508,637.67)	(29.66)	112,164,000.00	26,615,010.63	23.73	150,183,000.00
90 - Maasin, Southern Leyte		24,319,242.49	18,679,363.80	5,639,878.69	30.19	26,518,000.00	(2,198,757.51)	(8.29)	36,502,000.00
15 ZAMBOANGA CITY	**Marzoc Mama B**	301,990,873.82	279,473,846.14	22,517,027.68	8.06	324,558,000.00	(22,567,126.18)	(6.95)	383,124,000.00
91 - Dipolog City	Ampatu Cesar S	43,150,064.43	40,177,674.72	2,972,389.71	7.40	45,789,000.00	(2,638,935.57)	(5.76)	52,891,000.00
92 - Pagadian City	Tanggor Nasser A	49,922,061.83	57,084,668.70	(7,162,606.87)	(12.55)	66,154,000.00	(16,231,938.17)	(24.54)	57,779,000.00
93 - Zamboanga City	Mamaluddin Sandato K	189,757,618.22	165,196,078.24	24,561,539.98	14.87	193,463,000.00	(3,705,381.78)	(1.92)	248,887,000.00
94 - Isabela, Basilan	Abdua Abdulhalik C	10,613,587.21	6,276,188.17	4,337,399.04	69.11	7,008,000.00	3,605,587.21	51.45	10,848,000.00
95 - Jolo, Sulu	Ahmad Datu Bektal J	5,465,739.42	5,437,981.88	27,757.54	0.51	6,230,000.00	(764,260.58)	(12.27)	8,042,000.00
96 - Bongao, Tawi-tawi	Aguilera Arsenio P	3,081,802.71	5,301,254.43	(2,219,451.72)	(41.87)	5,914,000.00	(2,832,197.29)	(47.89)	4,699,000.00
16 CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY	**Tan Jose N**	763,475,731.02	657,267,845.40	106,207,885.62	16.16	793,634,000.00	(30,158,268.98)	(3.80)	899,465,000.00
97 - Gingoog City	Go Concepcion E	20,626,534.31	15,456,492.15	5,170,042.16	33.45	18,522,753.00	2,103,781.31	11.36	28,819,000.00
98 - Cagayan de Oro City	Abutazil Emir U	465,860,324.46	404,354,348.93	61,505,975.53	15.21	490,498,432.00	(24,638,107.54)	(5.02)	507,012,000.00
99 - Malaybalay, Bukidnon	Aziz Cosan P	103,184,541.17	82,711,364.52	20,473,176.65	24.75	101,950,294.00	1,234,247.17	1.21	124,452,000.00
100 - Ozamis City	Pelaia Estor S	41,160,367.14	38,168,168.50	2,992,198.64	7.84	46,632,023.00	(5,471,655.86)	(11.73)	70,029,000.00
101 - Iligan City	Dy Wilson C	110,757,907.52	106,279,250.55	4,478,656.97	4.21	123,928,938.00	(13,171,030.48)	(10.63)	145,135,000.00
102 - Marawi City	Mub Samer R	21,906,058.42	10,308,220.75	11,597,837.67	112.51	12,111,562.00	9,794,496.42	80.87	23,118,000.00
17 BUTUAN CITY	**Yap Marcelinda O**	224,702,731.13	213,863,927.22	10,838,803.91	5.07	246,835,000.00	(22,132,268.87)	(8.97)	289,858,000.00
103 - Butuan City	Radaza Ediberto C	87,630,137.78	85,755,350.84	1,874,786.94	2.19	96,387,000.00	(8,756,862.22)	(9.09)	112,680,000.00
104 - Bayugan, Agusan del Sur		47,377,506.29	40,380,035.44	6,997,470.85	17.33	44,707,000.00	2,670,506.29	5.97	52,204,000.00
105 - Surigao City	Vasquez Nonilo L	48,304,208.10	43,226,473.99	5,077,734.11	11.75	54,412,000.00	(6,107,791.90)	(11.23)	63,610,000.00
106 - Tandag, Surigao del Sur	Furio Jose Eric C	41,390,878.96	44,502,066.95	(3,111,187.99)	(6.99)	51,329,000.00	(9,938,121.04)	(19.36)	60,004,000.00
18 COTABATO CITY	**Amerol Tamanalao B**	413,564,753.39	368,161,969.15	45,402,784.24	12.33	426,047,000.00	(12,482,246.61)	(2.93)	462,053,000.00
107 - Cotabato City	Dea Mamapok G	148,421,918.73	132,927,568.91	15,494,349.82	11.66	150,185,284.00	(1,763,365.27)	(1.17)	127,137,802.00
108 - Kidapawan, North Cotabato	Maca-Agir Muslimen L	65,256,613.33	51,675,117.19	13,581,496.14	26.28	62,418,851.00	2,837,762.33	4.55	74,662,749.00
109 - Tacurong, Sultan Kudarat	Saransanun Bagio S	26,719,289.71	25,705,910.60	1,013,379.11	3.94	30,327,637.00	(3,608,347.29)	(11.90)	28,580,778.00
110 - General Santos City	Obero Eduardo T	97,876,678.44	90,208,009.11	7,668,669.33	8.50	106,378,003.00	(8,501,324.56)	(7.99)	116,760,118.00
111 - Koronadal, S. Cotabato	Indol Lumna S	75,290,253.18	67,645,363.34	7,644,889.84	11.30	76,737,225.00	(1,446,971.82)	(1.89)	114,911,553.00
19 DAVAO CITY	**Arcega Teodorico R**	765,863,718.83	744,941,880.10	20,921,838.73	2.81	825,071,000.00	(59,207,281.17)	(7.18)	994,896,000.00
112 - Tagum, Davao Del Norte	Suaybaguio Nicandro R	132,068,725.48	111,876,435.12	20,192,290.36	18.04	124,893,000.00	7,175,725.48	5.75	173,342,000.00
113 - Davao City	Sardido Evelyn A	561,331,370.10	560,483,867.49	847,502.61	0.15	616,068,000.00	(54,736,629.90)	(8.88)	732,275,000.00
114 - Mati, Davao Oriental	Pondoc Joaquina L	27,006,024.73	26,572,867.99	433,156.74	1.63	29,761,000.00	(2,754,975.27)	(9.26)	34,094,000.00
115 - Digos, Davao del Sur	Gonzales Leo O	45,467,589.52	46,008,700.50	(541,110.98)	(1.18)	54,359,000.00	(8,891,410.48)	(16.36)	55,185,000.00
20 NATIONAL OFFICE		49,085,473,114.59	50,309,578,831.17	(1,224,105,716.58)	(2.48)	59,926,717,000.00	(10,841,243,885.41)	(18.40)	74,835,193,000.00
116 - Large Taxpayers Service	Abella Edwin R	28,258,910,721.22	28,666,230,819.37	(407,320,098.15)	(1.42)				
120 - Excise Tax Service	Vera Elvira R	17,696,231,375.60	18,049,343,087.92	(353,111,712.32)	(1.96)				
122 - LT District Office - Makati	Mercado Flor M	2,130,331,017.77	2,593,995,923.88	(463,664,906.11)	(17.87)				

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US bishops take to pulpit, discuss sex abuse policy

NEW YORK—The Roman Catholic Church needs to pick up the pieces, Cardinal Edward Egan told parishioners Sunday as bishops returned to their pulpits after passing a new mandate on dealing with pedophile priests.

Egan and other Church leaders apologized to worshippers Sunday for the clergy's handling of one the worst scandals in US Church history.

"This is a harsh day. These are terrible times. And we are all outraged, scandalized," Egan told parishioners at St. Charles Parish on Staten Island. "We need to pick up the pieces, and we will."

The national guidelines, adopted Friday at a landmark bishops conference in Dallas, require Church officials to report any allegation of a minor being abused by clergy and give the rank-and-file an unprecedented role in policing the Church.

Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua of Philadelphia said the Dallas meeting was "the most painful and difficult" of his 33 years as a priest.

"Painful though it is, I still support" the policy, Bevilacqua said during Sunday Mass at St. Denis Parish in Havertown, Pennsylvania. "I have to balance my great love for all priests with the common good of the Church. That has to be the highest priority."

New Mexico Archbishop Michael Sheehan said on Saturday that the Archdiocese of Santa Fe had served as model for the national policy. He expelled 20 priests after he took over the archdiocese in 1993 amid a sexual scandal there.

"We had here a microcosm in New Mexico of what has taken place recently in the country," he said.

In Boston, the epicenter of the turmoil rocking the Church, Cardinal Bernard Law did not appear at Holy Cross Cathedral, as he had not returned from Dallas and customarily spends the summer visiting parishes.

The homily was instead delivered by a priest, the Monsignor William H. Roche, who did not discuss the bishops' meeting or the sexual abuse scandal. Outside, protesters gathered as they have done since the scandal broke in January.

Stephen Lewis, 45, of Lynn, Massachusetts, held a sign that read "Bishops Balk, Bishops Walk." Lewis said he was abused by a priest when he was an 11-year-old altar boy.

"They didn't go far enough. I want zero tolerance and priests defrocked. We're talking about a crime," he said.

The scandal began in January in Boston after Church documents made public showed that Cardinal Bernard Law and his subordinates transferred priests accused of child molestation from parish to parish. **AP**

No longer crime vs honor

ROME—If you think its natural to insult someone with a choice vulgarity about body parts and get away with it, come to Italy.

Italy's highest court of appeals ruled at the weekend that vulgar phrases in a heated argument between two motorists had become so natural in stressful modern times that they should no longer be considered a crime against honor.

The court ruling overturned a sentence by a lower court which had convicted a 32-year-old man of the crime of insulting with obscene language for having told someone during a verbal fight over a parking space: "Don't break my b—ls."

The court ruled that modern "consciences" had by now become so accustomed to such language that it was no longer considered a violation of Penal Code Article 594, which lists "Crimes of Honor."

Modern life called for Italians to turn a deaf ear to language that would have prompted duels in years gone by, the court said. It said the man did not have to pay the fine imposed by the lower court. ***Reuters***

Blair uses spin in tennis

LONDON—Under fire from enemies for his political "spin", British Prime Minister Tony Blair turned the tactic to his advantage—on the tennis court.

Blair's ball-spin was too much for his tennis opponents in a charity match he won by four games to one in front of a capacity 6,000 crowd after the formal end of the Queen's Club tournament.

He teamed up with former Wimbledon champion Pat Cash, from Australia, for a doubles contest against Romanian veteran Ilie Nastase and British impressionist Alistair McGowan. ***Reuters***

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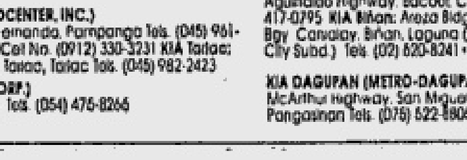

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Switching of rice with sawdust probed

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TACLOBAN CITY—The National Bureau of Investigation has started investigating how some 1,800 bags of smuggled rice turned into sacks of sawdust at the National Food Authority warehouse in Alang-alang town, Leyte.

The investigation was made upon the request of Oscar Tubalinal, NFA provincial manager, who sought the NBI's help after it was confirmed on Friday that the 1,800 bags actually contained sawdust instead of rice.

These were part of the nearly 2,700 bags delivered to the Alang-alang warehouse on May 31 by personnel of the Bureau of Customs (BoC).

Tubalinal said the sacks that were delivered to the Alang-alang warehouse were also part of some 9,000 bags of suspected smuggled rice that the BoC seized and deposited in a private warehouse in Hindang town, Leyte.

The NFA and the BoC earlier entered into an agreement that the seized rice being deposited in Hindang town would be transferred to and placed under the NFA's custody at the agency's warehouse in Alang-alang.

According to Ruben Manatad, NFA warehouse supervisor in Alang-alang, the results of the bag-to-bag inspection and inventory in the warehouse on Friday showed that only 899 bags contained rice and 1,796 bags were filled with sawdust.

"There was not only a switching of rice, the delivery also lacked five bags," he told the INQUIRER yesterday.

Manatad said that the BoC was supposed to deliver a total of 2,700 bags of alleged smuggled rice to the Alang-alang warehouse on May 31 from Hindang.

Those who witnessed the inspection and inventory were Manatad, the state auditors of the NFA-Leyte and the BoC regional office and two other BoC personnel.

It was Manatad who requested for a bag-to-bag inventory of the delivered bags of rice after he got suspicious of the delivery.

He noted that BoC personnel escorting the bags refused to sign the NFA delivery receipt. Two of the trucks used in transporting the smuggled rice bore "fake" plate numbers, he added.

The first delivery from Hindang was made in the early morning of May 31. Two trucks arrived at the NFA warehouse in Alang-alang supposedly to bring in 900 bags of rice.

Four trucks arrived in the evening of that day to deliver 1,800 bags of rice to the Alang-alang warehouse.

NFA personnel noted that two of the four trucks had similar plate numbers with the two trucks that arrived early in the morning that day. Hindang is at least 100 kilometers away from Alang-alang.

Lino Eusore, the assistant warehouse supervisor, was the only person in the warehouse to receive the delivery because Manatad was then on official leave.

Manatad told the INQUIRER that Eusore did not state in the acknowledgment receipt that the warehouse received rice. Eusore only indicated the number of bags delivered without stating the bags' content.

"We do this whenever we are suspicious of a delivery," Manatad said.

The following week when he already reported for work, Manatad said a BoC personnel whom he did not name asked him for an acknowledgment receipt.

Manatad did not give in to the request. Instead, Manatad asked Tubalinal to conduct a bag-to-bag inventory because of the suspicious delivery.

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of Luzon will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms. source: pagasa

Metro Manila	Cloudy with Rains	HI34° Lo 24°
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Clark Zone	Partly Cloudy	HI 34° Lo 24°
Tagaytay	Cloudy with Rains	HI 32° Lo 22°
Legazpi	Cloudy with Rains	HI 32° Lo 25°
Calapan	Cloudy with Rains	HI 32° Lo 25°
Iloilo/Bacolod	Cloudy with Rains	HI 32° Lo 25°
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Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with Rains	HI 32° Lo 23°
Davao	Cloudy with Rains	HI 32° Lo 24°

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ROUNDUP

New college president

COTABATO CITY—Fr. Jose Colin Bagaforo of the Archdiocese of Cotabato will be the eighth president of the Church-run Notre Dame of Tacurong College in Tacurong City. Orlando Quevedo, OMI, DD, Cotabato archbishop and Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines president, will officiate Bagaforo's investiture this Friday on the school grounds. Before his assumption to the NDTC presidency, Father Bagaforo, known here as Father Colin, had been assigned to various parishes and educational institutions of the archdiocese.
Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Village head suspended

CABARROGUIS, Quirino—The municipal council suspended a village chair here for allegedly spending barangay funds intended for the repair of the barangay hall in his village. The council suspended Antonio Codamon, chair of Barangay Tucod here, for allegedly withdrawing P20,000 from the barangay government's bank account. Barangay Councilors Jose Pugong and Moreno Ngin-ngina claimed that Codamon spent the money for himself instead of buying cement and other construction materials for the barangay hall.
Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

House inquiry sought

SAN MATEO, Isabela—Rep. Faustino Dy III said he would seek a congressional inquiry into the bungled rescue attempt of 4-year-old Dexter Balala from hostage taker Diomedes Talvo on May 31 at a Pasay City bus terminal. Dy said both the Balala and Talvo families will benefit from the inquiry. He said the hostage drama could have painted a bad image of Talvo but he stressed that his family deserved justice for his death. *Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Quezon cops to go online

LUCENA CITY—The Quezon police office is now training policemen to man the full computerization of all police stations in the province. Quezon police chief Senior Supt. Roberto Rosales said the use of information technology would help bridge the gap among different police stations in Quezon. He noted that policemen from far-flung stations are away from their posts for several days when they attend conferences at Camp Nakar. "But with a computer in every police station, they would no longer stay on the road that long in order for them to give situation reports from their respective posts," Rosales said. He added that every police station would have a digital camera to enable the police to see the faces of apprehended suspects in their computer monitors.
Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Brownouts hit Or. Mindoro

CALAPAN CITY—Brownouts have hit Oriental Mindoro since May 24, which cost the province millions of pesos in terms of spoiled farmers' produce and a slack in tourism, according to city Mayor Arnan C. Panaligan. The National Power Corporation said it intentionally lowers the voltage or turns off the 25-megavolt-ampere (MVA) power transformer temporarily being used by the power barge in Puerto Galera in order to protect it and produce enough voltage for the Oriental Mindoro Electric Cooperative. It is also fixing loose wire connections. It also claimed that the transformer is being fitted to the protection relays of the power barge, the 25 MVA power transformer and the controls of the Napocor transmission lines.
Donna T. Virola, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Fee scam bared in Mabalacat BI office

ANGELES CITY—The government last month reportedly lost about P500,000 in visa express fees from foreign tourists due to alleged graft at the Bureau of Immigration in Mabalacat town.

Sources formerly with the BI revealed the supposed racket to reporters last week.

They claimed that the local bureau issued visa waivers and extensions to foreign tourists by charging P300 for a single transaction but without issuing official receipts.

The required fee for the express service is P500.

An executive order allows foreigners to secure a waiver if they wish to extend their stay after the 21-day no-visa period. Tourists with visas can get an extension if their 59-day stay lapsed.

"The sales pitch is always about convenience, about their having not to wait in line," a source said.

They pointed to Rodelio Siapian, BI field office chief, as behind the alleged irregularity.

Appointed as alien controlling officer, Siapian assumed the post on May 2. He previously worked with the BI Caloocan City office.

But Siapian vehemently denied the allegations. He said these were mere rumors concocted by two contractual employees terminated last week.

Siapian said reported a collection of P1.383 million from 181,000 documents processed from foreigners last May. ***Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

BING GONZALES

SCHOOL DAY

A familiar scene throughout the country on the opening of school day yesterday—children, like these at the Don Juan de la Cruz Elementary School in Davao City, assemble and sing the national anthem.

'I cannot be in two places at the same time,' ARMM governor tells critics

COTABATO CITY—"I cannot be in two places at the same time."

This was the sharp reaction of Gov. Parouk Hussin of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to his critics, whom he said should do their part in helping develop the region instead of just criticizing him.

Local officials, who claimed that they wanted to discuss their programs and raise other issues of concerns with the governor, complained that Hussin was always absent from his office at the ARMM complex here.

"He (Hussin) is always out. Worse, even his executive secretary Nabil Tan could hardly be found," a Lanao town official commented.

Even members of the Regional Legislative Assembly said they have to go to Manila to confer with Hussin, who only reported here thrice since he assumed office in January following his victory in the 2001 regional elections.

Hussin, who replaced Gov. Nur Misuari, rules ARMM, comprised of Maguindanao, Lanao del Sur, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Basilan and Marawi City.

"You know some people are complaining I'm not here (or) I'm not there. (That is because) I cannot be physically in two places at the same time," said the visibly irked governor.

Hussin said even if he was not in Cotabato, members of his Cabinet and line agency officials could attend to the problems of his constituents.

He said these past few days he was in Jolo, Basilan and Zamboanga City monitoring Moro National Liberation Front members' reaction to a colleague's threat to take up arms against the government after soldiers allegedly attacked his camp in Datu Piang, Maguindanao, on June 10.

"It's not true that I don't report to my Cotabato City office, but I have to prioritize my work," Hussin said.

His frequent stay in Manila, according to Hussin, was to enable him to attend to foreign investors and donor country representatives interested to know about ARMM.

"I cannot delegate to my staff the task of meeting these foreign dignitaries and other VIPs (very important persons)." ***Charlie C. Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Dengue makes comeback in Negros areas

BACOLOD CITY—At least 137 cases of dengue have been reported in the province's three cities and two towns from January to May this year, records of the Provincial Health Office (PHO) showed.

Dr. Luisa Efren, acting provincial health officer, said the figures were not alarming because the cases were not reported in a specific area.

Health office records showed that Bago City had the most dengue cases from January to May this year in the province.

Fifty cases were reported in Bago followed by 40 in Victorias City; 27, Silay City.

The towns of Hinobaan and Manapla had 10 cases of dengue each.

The figures were higher compared to the 25 cases reported during the same period last year.

Efren said there was one reported death.

Day-biting mosquitoes called *aedes aegypti* and *aedes albopectus* are known carriers of the dengue virus.

These mosquitoes breed in stagnant water. Residents are usually urged to cover or empty containers of water like jars, vases and open tires to prevent mosquitoes from breeding. ***Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau***

Gunmen kidnap, execute ex-Army lieutenant

COTABATO CITY—Gunmen kidnapped a former Army lieutenant and his worker in Mlang, Cotabato on Saturday morning.

Senior Insp. Jimmy Napat, Mlang police chief, said ex-Lt. Roilo Magno and Antonio Porras were farming in Barangay Inas when about 10 heavily armed men arrived.

At gunpoint, they were ordered to proceed to nearby

Barangay Dungguan, also in Mlang, for reasons unknown to them.

Sensing they are facing trouble, Porras grabbed an opportunity to escape and ran for his life, leaving Magno in the hands of their captors.

The suspects, led by a certain Commander Falcon, fired at the fleeing Porras but missed him.

Napat said the suspects brought Magno to Barangay Dungguan where he was executed when he allegedly grabbed the rifle of one of the kidnappers.

Magno reportedly owned a vast track of rice fields in Mlang.

Napat said the suspects were believed to be the same group responsible for the series of robbery and banditry in the interior villages of Mlang. ***Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

6, including 3 Abu 'suspects,' held for drugs

BACOLOD CITY—Six persons, three of whom were suspected by the police as Abu Sayyaf members, were arrested in a buy-bust operation in Cadiz City, Negros Occidental about 11 a.m. on Sunday.

About 11 hours later, police also apprehended nine residents of Tawi-Tawi allegedly caught possessing high-powered firearms and illegal drugs in a separate operation in Bacolod City, Negros Occidental.

Senior Insp. Harold Tuzon, acting chief of the Bacolod City Police Office (BCPO), said one of the suspects identified as Elmer Into of Lanao del Norte reportedly claimed that he was a member of the bandit group Abu Sayyaf.

In his investigation report, Tuzon said Into made the admission when interrogated by the police shortly after his arrest in Cadiz.

It was not stated in Tuzon's report if the confession was made in the presence of Into's lawyer.

But Tuzon said they recovered from Into a picture of the suspect, wearing a military fatigue and carrying an M-16 rifle.

Tuzon said he would ask the Armed Forces of the Philippines to check if the two other suspects in the Cadiz raid also belonged to the bandit group.

He identified them as brothers Maribindo and Rodel Demasangcay of Lanao del Norte. Tuzon said he had suspicions that the Demasangcays were also members of the Abu Sayyaf.

Policemen from the BCPO recovered about 250 grams of shabu or methamphetamine hydrochloride during a raid conducted on Into's rented house in Andrea Village, Cadiz City, about 65.5 kilometers north of this city.

Aside from the Demasangcays and Into, also arrested were Amanda Imam of Lanao del Norte, Angelito Macabilhag of San Carlos City and Nolan Gallego of Cadiz City.

Insp. Clarence Dongail, leader of the police team that raided Into's house, said the Demasangcays, Macabilhag and Iman were caught in a shabu session during the raid.

Police earlier received a tip that 14 drug pushers were set to have a meeting in Into's house where they allegedly get their supply of illegal drugs.

Dongail said the initial plan was to hold the meeting in Bacolod but it was moved to Into's house in Cadiz because of the series of drug operations being conducted by the BCPO.

In three weeks, the BCPO recovered more than a kilo of shabu in separate raids conducted in Bacolod City.

In a separate raid in Bacolod, Tuzon said nine Tawi-Tawi residents were arrested about 10:30 p.m. on Sunday on board MV Bacolod docked at the GD Fishing Port in Barangay Banago.

Seized from the suspects were an M-1 rifle, three riffle grenades and several rounds of ammunition for M-16 rifles, carbine, rifle grenade, and M203 and about 230 grams of shabu. ***Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau***

FPJ insists he is not running in 2004

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opposition's probable presidential candidates. But he said it was still possible for Poe to change his mind.

"He (Poe) has nothing more to prove in the movies. So who knows?" Estrada said from his detention suite. "Right now, he (Poe) is not interested in politics. Maybe if he can be convinced."

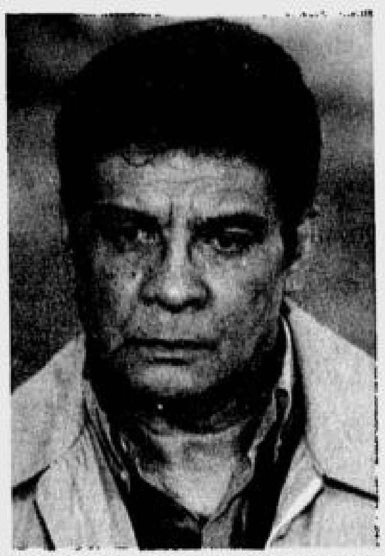
Last hope

In Baguio City, a militant group said Poe was Estrada's last hope in having him absolved of the plunder and other criminal cases filed against him by the government.

"This is Erap's way of running things because he feels that he will not be able to get away from all those charges," Manuel Loste, Bayan Muna Northern Luzon coordinator, said.

Loste said Estrada was "underestimating" the Filipino people's intelligence with his endorsement of Poe.

"There is the element of disrespect for the Filipino people. Erap is following his own formula, which is mainly based on popularity. We should be wary of this because we all know that FPJ has no administrative experience to run the government and the country, like his best friend Erap," Loste said.



POE: Not interested in politics

The Bayan Muna official said the people should reject the idea that Poe's supposed candidacy was a joke.

"This is an Erap II version, and we should learn our lessons from Erap. He was very popular but he was a failure in running the state because the responsibility was beyond his intellectual capacity," he said.

Desperate

In Iloilo City, Deputy House Speaker for the Visayas Raul Gonzalez described as "an act of desperation" the opposition's decision to consider Poe as its presidential candidate.

"It doesn't have a deep bench from which to choose a candidate with intellectual preparation," Gonzalez said of the opposition.

He said the people would likely reject a movie star running for President in the coming elections.

"I am convinced that the nation has already learned its lesson from the presidency of Estrada, which was actually a complete disaster for the country," Gonzalez said.

He said choosing Poe would be an "insult" to Sen. Edgardo Angara, "who is the one presenting himself as a front-runner among possible opposition candidates for 2004."

"There are so many equations being given to us. There is (the candidacy of Sen. Panfilo) Lacson, Angara-Lacson, Angara-(Sen. Loren) Legarda and now FPJ-(Sen. Gregorio) Honasan, which is actually a disaster ticket," Gonzalez said.

Asked if Poe was a threat to Ms Macapagal in 2004, Gonzalez replied: "Anybody can be a threat but if FPJ will run for president, I might as well run for president."

In Isabela, Rep. Rodolfo Albano Jr. (Lakas, Isabela) chided the opposition for planning to field Poe in the coming presidential election.

Anybody but Poe

"As if we are not learning our lessons (from Estrada)," Albano said. "Anybody but him . . . Why let another movie star run for the position? (Poe) might be good in the movies but he knows nothing (about public administration and management)."

Isabela Rep. Faustino Dy III (Nationalist People's Coalition) said he had yet to see someone capable of beating Ms Macapagal in 2004.

"I cannot see any potential contender yet against her. Well, we have to see whether the political machinery of the would-be (opposition) candidate can sustain a nationwide campaign and win the presidency," Dy said.

He said the President's regular visits to the provinces and key cities were indications that she was preparing for 2004.

"I believe that there is no period for her to declare her intention to run in 2004. She should run to prove her mettle," Dy said. "Nobody can stop her if she likes to run."

Too early

Senate President Franklin Drilon said in Iloilo City that the 2004 elections were "too early to discuss."

"We should concentrate first on improving the lives of the people. The President right now is campaigning to improve lives of people and solve problems of the country," Drilon said.

Press Undersecretary Roberto Capco said the 2004 election "is very far away. That's 24 months away." He said "addressing the needs of the public" was the main concern of the President now.

"What we need to do right now is to do what the President is doing, which is to work, work and work," Capco said. ***With reports from Nestor P. Burgos Jr., PDI Visayas Bureau, and Desiree Caluza and Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

Mike A comes to GMA defense; PDI apologizes

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shame on you.

Despite her imperfections, the fact remains that President Arroyo is the Chief Executive who is entitled to all the respect from every Filipino.

I have always looked up to media as a profession which can effectively foster goodwill and development through respectable and responsible journalism.

I still would like to think that the INQUIRER is aware of, and strictly adheres to, this. Thank you and more power.

(Sgd.) MIKE ARROYO
First Gentleman of the Republic

cc: Atty. Raul Palabrica
INQUIRER Ombudsman

You're right. Shame on us. Our apologies for the politically incorrect description of President Macapagal-Arroyo.—Editors

Bong to head Video Regulatory Board

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said was President Macapagal-Arroyo's way of ensuring that the senator would not bolt the ruling Lakas-NUCD and tilt the leadership deadlock in the Senate in the opposition's favor. ***(See related story on page A1.)***

The appointment of Bong Revilla, a former governor of Cavite, to the VRB was among those announced by acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable Jr. yesterday.

The others were Marilen Dinglasan as chief of the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board effective May 30, and former Quezon City Rep. Dante Liban as director general of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (Tesda) effective June 14.

Dinglasan, a high school classmate of the President's, replaced Alejandro Roces, who was in turn named board director of the Philippine Postal Savings Bank.

Bong Revilla replaced Lualhati Buenafe, who was demoted to VRB vice chair and executive director. Liban replaced Lucita Lazo, who was appointed Tesda director general on March 31, 2001.

Roces was at the MTRCB office yesterday afternoon when the INQUIRER phoned him. He sounded surprised when told that he had been replaced.

"This is the first time I've heard of that," he said. "I don't have the slightest idea why I will be replaced."

Afable himself could not explain the changes. He said he only got hold of the signed appointment papers yesterday morning.

ROCES: Board director of the Philippine Postal Savings Bank

LIBAN: New Tesda chief

LAZO: Out of Tesda

As concurrent chief of the Presidential Management Staff, Afable is supposed to be among the first to know of any new appointments.

On Saturday, Afable confirmed that there was an ongoing "Cabinet and government revamp."

He hinted that the revamp could affect high officials.

Piracy

Revilla pledged to stamp out film and video piracy as the new VRB chief.

"The reason I accepted the job is to help the industry," he told the INQUIRER. "I read a study that there are 187,000 families affected by the current slump in the movie industry, and the biggest cause of that is piracy."

He said he planned to launch a nationwide "clean-up" and to go after the "manufacturers and factories that are capable of producing 1,000 discs per hour."

Revilla said he was aware that he would make enemies at his new post.

"*Sanay na akong magulpi* (I'm used to being beaten up)," said the film and TV star. "I will only do what's right."

He said Malacañang offered him the post last month. "I told them I would think about it," he said. "There's so much to be done at the VRB."

He said he would seek the support of other government agencies, like the social welfare and labor departments, to provide additional livelihood for some members of the local film industry.

Revilla lost the top post of Cavite to Ayong Maliksi in last year's election.

'Labandera'

Dinglasan is a trustee of the Ginintuan at Makabayang Alay (GMA) Foundation Inc., which planned on coming out with a soap opera titled "Labandera" after the bloody Labor Day siege of the Palace last year by forces loyal to deposed President Joseph Estrada.

Since March 19 last year, she had been serving as vice chair of the VRB.

Roces replaced academic Nicanor Tiongson at the MTRCB on March 22, 2001.

Tiongson resigned after refusing to buckle to the Catholic Church hierarchy's demand that he recall the MTRCB permit for the sexually charged film "Live Show."

Roces banned the film from public screening.

Tesda, established through Republic Act No. 7796, was formed to mobilize the full participation of industry, labor, local government units and technical-vocational institutions in the country's skilled manpower development programs.

Lazo's appointment last year as Tesda chief was backed by women's groups.

GMA aide says . . .

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"*Maari nating ipagmalaki si* (We can be proud of) President Macapagal. She is also on a high moral ground compared with whoever will be her rivals," the presidential adviser said.

Rufino took offense at the INQUIRER's reference to Ms Macapagal as "pandak," saying it demeans the presidency. "It didn't look good. *Masyado naman na minamaliit si Presidente* (The President is being belittled very much)," he said.

The presidential adviser said several text messages were being passed around yesterday hitting the INQUIRER for its "disrespect for the presidency."

Asked whether Ms Macapagal was conscious of her height, Rufino said: "She is not bothered by it."

He noted that history was replete with examples of "small" people who were considered big because of their great deeds.

Bonaparte

Rufino mentioned the great French military leader Napoleon Bonaparte who conquered most of Europe during his time and the biblical David who slew the giant Goliath.

Turning to contemporary times, Rufino said: "Erap (ousted President Joseph Estrada) was a big guy but did he give his people their due?"

Ms Macapagal has proved the stuff she is made of since she assumed the presidency in the aftermath of the Edsa II revolt in January 2001, he said.

"Any other person of lesser constituency would have gone belly-up," he said. "But look at GMA. She continues to go on and on despite her back-breaking tasks."

Rufino accused the opposition of having started the political-pairing game. "They simply cannot wait for the 2004 elections."

"If the opposition feels it has a champion, we also have ours. *Magkita-kita na lang tayo sa 2004* (Let's see each other in 2004)," Rufino said.

Compared to her rivals, Ms Macapagal can boast of a long list of achievements, from putting the country on better macro-economic standing to the delivery of basic services, according to Rufino.

"If the people are satisfied with this service, then they know what to do come election day," he said.

In a teleconference, acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable said that even Poe himself did not like the billing "Ang Panday vs. Ang Pandak" because "it was disrespectful of the presidency." ***(See banner story on Page A1.)***

Afable said Poe had declared in a radio interview yesterday that he was not interested in entering politics.

3 congressmen bare administration offers to Biazon, Revilla

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Legarda's proposal for a "working coalition," a "new and independent minority" in the Senate is emerging.

At the head of the pack is Sen. Joker Arroyo, who, a highly placed source said, had been "very disappointed" with the way Legarda was being "too accommodating to the opposition, particularly (Sen. Edgardo) Angara."

The "new minority" will also likely count on Arroyo's "Wednesday Group" colleagues, Senators Manuel Villar, Ralph Recto, Francis Pangilinan and Noli de Castro.

Administration Sen. Renato Cayetano is reportedly keen on joining the group, which met yesterday at the Edsa Shangri-La hotel to examine the options that arose out of Legarda's statement Friday that she was open to a "working coalition" with the opposition to resolve the Senate impasse.

Working arrangement

Cayetano yesterday told the INQUIRER that Legarda "owes it to us to explain" her proposal.

"I was rather surprised (at her statement) because we agreed that whatever proposition will be talked about with the other group is something that we have to discuss first," he said.

In an earlier interview, Cayetano said he was not going to join the "working coalition" that Legarda had proposed. "There is no way I am going to sleep with the enemy," he said.

Cayetano stands to lose the most from the ongoing Senate crisis, having been promised the presidency of the chamber at the start of the 12th Congress as part of a power-sharing scheme with Senate President Franklin Drilon.

The source, who described the Wednesday Group as the new minority in the Senate, said Recto and Villar would likely join Arroyo given their time together as congressmen in the 11th Congress.

Pangilinan and De Castro, who have had their own share of disappointment with the administration bloc, might join Arroyo, too, the source said.

"I don't see myself cooperating with an illegal majority," the source quoted Pangilinan as saying.

Opposition stalwart Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. backed Legarda's proposal, saying this was also what his group had been trying to work out to end the impasse.

Pimentel said that based on this scheme, administration senators could align with the opposition without giving up their membership in Lakas and other pro-administration parties.

He acknowledged that the two camps were discreetly trying to raid each other's ranks in an effort to form a clear majority on or before the reopening of Congress.

"I'm quite sure that we in the 12-member new majority will remain solid in the face of the administration's persistent efforts to entice some of our members to defect to its side," he said.

Vague offer

Representative Biazon confirmed that administration senators had asked Senator Biazon to "reconsider" his position and join them, but that the offer was "vague."

"I told my father not to consider me in making his decision," said the young Biazon, a member of the House minority. He said he and his father would run for reelection in 2004, but that the latter was not inclined to horse-trading.

When told about the report that Bunye's impending Palace appointment was meant to ensure his victory, the young Biazon said this was "no guarantee that (Bunye) will not run."

The young Biazon and the veteran Bunye slugged it out in the 2001 elections, with the senator's son winning the seat.

"I don't think I will run unopposed even without him," the young Biazon said.

He said the senator was willing to enter a "critical collaboration" with the administration but saw "no compelling reason to leave" the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino.

As for himself, the young Biazon said he was staying with the opposition. Asked if he had closed the door to joining the ruling coalition, he said: "The door is open, but I am not facing (it)."

One congressman said another object of an administration offer was Sen. Robert Barbers, who has reportedly upheld the "new" Senate majority.

Like the Biazons, Barbers and his son Rep. Ace Barbers are up for reelection. But Lakas officials from Mindanao are reportedly asking that Senator Barbers, a native son of the region, be the party's vice presidential candidate.

The young Barbers said his father was "definitely staying" with Lakas. "He is a stalwart of the party, so I don't see why he will leave it."

Representatives Biazon and Barbers, citing conversations with their fathers, predicted that Drilon would likely stay as Senate President when Congress reopens.

The young Biazon said that when the opposition senators became 12 with the defection of Sen. John Osmeña, they "offered" Drilon his continued stay as Senate President, provided they had their choice of committees, "but I think Drilon did not want to be seen by his (colleagues) as a traitor."

Not running

Legarda yesterday called a press conference at the Senate to set the record straight on her alleged plans for 2004.

"I am not running. I have not even thought about it," she said. Legarda was earlier quoted as saying that she welcomed the idea of becoming Angara's running mate if his LDP chose him as standard-bearer and drafted her. But yesterday, she said: "Those tandems they are talking about are all speculative. It's either the campaign fever is on or there was really no story to write about."

She made similar statements Sunday in Puerto Princesa City, at the start of the week-long celebration of the province of Palawan of its 100th year as a civil government.

"First of all, I am not leaving Lakas," she said in Filipino. "Second, I am a dedicated Lakas official who is supportive of President Macapagal-Arroyo. Third, 2004 is still far from my mind, and what is important is that we solve the problem in the Senate and devote our attention to the important bills that we have to pass."

Legarda also said, "none of us in the administration majority recognizes the new majority."

"What we are saying is that, let's just see in July (who has the numbers)," she said. "Whoever has the numbers will be the majority."

But she confirmed that she had been receiving invitations. "I'm flattered that I'm always being made the leading lady by those who are aspiring to run for President (in 2004)," she said.

At the Senate press conference, Legarda defended her proposal for a "working coalition" and said forging closer cooperation with the opposition was a "really good idea."

She noted that should her proposal be rejected, "we should now focus on finding the numbers for the next five weeks."

In a statement, Angara said, "a solution is being worked out" to end the Senate impasse in time for the opening of Congress.

But he took a dig at the President for her "continuous attempts to raid our ranks."

"The President always says that this is an internal matter of the Senate. She must practice what she preaches," he said. ***With a report from Geraldford P. Ticke, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

Palace gets 'beautiful report'

By Dona Pazzibugan

MALACAÑANG has received the military's post-operation report on the June 7 rescue attempt that left Martin Burnham and Edibora Yap dead and Gracia Burnham and nine government troops wounded.

"It's a beautiful report about the full details of Operation Daybreak from start to finish," said acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable Jr.

The mission was launched on May 27, after the military's Southern Command determined an "above 60 percent" probability that the Abu Sayyaf had brought their last three hostages to Zamboanga del Norte.

Asked if the President had read the report, Afable replied, "I don't know. I believe so." He said the report "showed the skills and competence of our soldiers."

But when asked how Martin and Edibora died, Afable faltered. "Well, ah, I still—I don't have the hard copy with me so maybe later," he replied.

He said the defense department would release the report "soon."

In Congress, a leading administration official questioned not what the AFP did before the June 7 encounter but what it is doing after.

Why are the bandits continuing to elude the military, Negros Occidental Rep. Apolinario Lozada Jr. asked.

"The fact that the bandits were able to slip through the dragnet means there is something wrong with the military intelligence," said Lozada, chair of the House committee on foreign relations.

More effective?

Lozada even taunted the AFP, saying the intelligence network of the Abu Sayyaf seemed to be more effective than that of the military.

"We have the best men in the field, but they will not be able to do the job right if the intelligence information that are getting is neither credible nor factual," he said.

He urged the military to improve its intelligence gathering so as not to waste public funds and jeopardize the lives and effectiveness of its soldiers.

He also urged the military to verify reports that the bandit group had reached Boracay Island.

"The military should not underestimate the Abu Sayyaf. They should learn from their mistakes so that corrective steps can be taken," he said.

In Lamitan, Basilan, scene of the controversial hospital siege a year ago, residents said American military presence on the island has given them a sense of security.

Gov. Wahab Akbar said relative peace returned to the area when the Americans landed in January.

Akbar said he had sent a request to the presidential Palace to allow the US troops to stay beyond their six-month tour of duty. "It is supported by all sectors," he said.

"We see the situation is improving with the presence of the American forces," said Cirilo Nacorda, parish priest of Lamitan, which was besieged by the bandits last year.

Mayor Ma. Clara Lobregat of Zamboanga City, which hosts the military's Southern Command and is the staging base for the joint US-RP military exercises, echoed the views.

"The people are hoping. They want (the American deployment) to be extended," Lobregat said.

She said activists who stage almost daily protests in Manila against the US presence "don't understand because they don't know what it is like here with the Abu Sayyaf."

Maj. Richard Sater, spokesperson for US forces in the South, said the troops had been warmly received. "We have the support of the local residents. We are being greeted every morning by the people and we appreciate the hospitality that they are showing to us," he said. ***With reports from Juliet Javellana and AFP***

New ROTC attracts women

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colleges and universities, the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC).

ROTC officers were surprised by the big number of female students who reported for their first training here on Sunday.

More than 200 female cadets from two universities showed up to take the optional program, Lt. Col. Daniel Mamaril, head of the ROTC unit in Baguio and Benguet, said.

The program is under the National Service Program, which took effect this school year and mandates all first year students to take the ROTC subject as one of three service choices.

The NSP consists of civic work service (CWS), literacy training service (LTS) and military training service (MTS), Mamaril said.

"We are expecting more female cadets when the regular military training starts on June 23. Our worry now is that there might be more female than male cadets joining the ROTC this school year," he said.

He said the number of female cadets who enrolled under the MTS represents at least 30 percent of the enrollees.

Six female cadets are also joining the special training for ROTC officers, he said.

Mamaril said less than 700 male students enrolled in the MTS this year. The number was way below the 8,267 students who took the subject last year, he said.

He said the decline of male enrollees was due to the belief that the ROTC is a "useless" subject.

But the students, according to him, are "in for a big surprise because the two other options (the CWS and the LTS) are a lot harder than the MTS. We are expecting students to return to MTS next semester."

A student who transfers to the MTS will have to repeat the subject because the training under any of the two services will not be credited, Mamaril said.

The CWS and LTS focus on community involvement, he said.

Barrio docs say service comes first

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"The LGU (local government unit) has been very supportive of our projects. Devolution (of health services) is really working," he said.

Bello belongs to Batch 13 of the Department of Health's innovative Doctors to the Barrios (DTTB) program. The batch president, Ferdinand Eder Mutuc, spoke for the group's 19 volunteer doctors at simple recognition rites on June 4. "We wanted to make a difference. We wanted to become agents of change," Mutuc said.

The rites also recognized Bello; Edward Santos of Uyugan, Batanes; Francis Villaflor of Sikatuna, Bohol; and Nelson Hora of Dumaran, Palawan, as the most outstanding doctors of the batch, chosen not only for their clinical excellence but also for their leadership skills and the innovations they had introduced in their rural health units (RHUs).

Bello, who once spent long hours in the middle of the open sea with other hapless passengers on a drifting boat, was one of six who decided to stay in the barrios, now as permanent municipal health officers.

He said he was looking forward to taking up master's studies in public health.

Heeding a call

After passing the board exams in 1999, Edward Santos applied for residency training in pediatrics at a prestigious hospital in Quezon City. He quit after his first day, to "heed a calling."

He joined the DTTB. "As a (University of the Philippines) graduate, I felt I had to repay the people whose taxes subsidized my education. I wanted to serve them as a doctor," Santos said.

In the beginning, he got cold feet. "They said I was going to be assigned in Batanes. I looked at the map, and I asked if I could call back," Santos recalled. He consulted his mother, who gave her consent. That same day, he called the DTTB to say he was good to go.

He spent two years in Uyugan, a sixth-class municipality that is a 45-minute drive from the capital town of Basco.

Aside from increasing the town's health budget from P75,000 to P100,000, he is remembered for having actively worked for the relief of an abusive budget officer whose alcoholism had stalled budget releases for health programs.

"It was inevitable that you get involved in local politics. You sometimes have to play their game to get concessions for the RHU," he said.

Looking back on his experience, the 28-year-old doctor from Arayat, Pampanga, said he felt a sense of fulfillment in having touched the lives of people who had not seen a doctor in years.

The people treated him as one of their own, he said, always giving him fruits and fish, and always providing him company.

But because Uyugan did not have a budget for a municipal health officer, Santos was not hired by the LGU. "It really pains me to leave the town, knowing that there will be no one to replace me," he said.

Love and service

For Myrna Cabral, the decision to stay on in Imelda, Zamboanga Sibugay, was part-love and part-service.

Last December, she married the municipal engineer, so it was not difficult for Cabral, 31, a graduate of the Fatima College of Medicine in Valenzuela City and native of Batangas, to accept the offer of the mayor to work as the permanent municipal health officer. It was only a matter of telling her mother in Batangas.

"My mother wanted us to relocate to Manila, but I explained to her that I and my husband loved our work," said Cabral. She said it was difficult to leave the barrio without a doctor, knowing that before she arrived two years ago, the town has not seen a doctor in eight years.

"I was also thinking of my professional growth, but the people needed me there," she said.

All told, 52 DTTB graduates since 1993—out of a total of 369—have decided to work permanently in their areas of assignment.

According to the DOH's Kenneth Ronquillo, a total of 59 doctors are currently deployed all over the country under the DTTB program, although the budget allows for 80 volunteer doctors.

The rest of the slots, he explained, are filled up by relievers who are assigned to take the place of municipal health officers going on leave for various reasons.

Ronquillo said the DTTB program, established in 1993 by then health secretary and now Senator Juan Flavier—who himself had spent 30 years as a barrio doctor—has evolved from a stop-gap measure to an institution.

"The salary is not the primary purpose," Ronquillo said. "It is being able to serve the people, it comes from the commitment and willingness to give a part of themselves to the people."

Barrio doctors are not exactly underpaid. DTTB volunteers enjoy a national salary grade of 24, which is roughly equivalent to P21,000 in monthly basic salary, P2,000 representation and transportation allowance, P1,000 in subsistence allowance, and 10 percent of their basic salary as hazard pay.

They also receive regular bonuses given such as 13th month pay and an annual cash gift of P5,000.

But once hired by the LGU, the barrio doctor gets a substantial cut to make his salary commensurate with salary grades in the municipality.

Summing up his batch's experience, Mutuc said, "the hardship experienced by the doctors to the barrios was replaced by the sense of fulfillment and pleasure of having served the people in our own small way."

These hardships include poor living conditions and transportation systems, death threats and conflicts with politicians, sexual harassment, accidents and calamities, and, yes, even homesickness and boredom.

"We smile with the thought of having been able to touch the lives of a thousand people as their doctor, their leader and confidante," Mutuc said. "It was all worth it."

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WURSTER

CAROLINA

AFP: Martin Burnham was a high-risk case

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lina said.

Brig. Gen. Donald Wurster, commander of American troops taking part in the Balikatan 02-1 military exercises in Basilan, did not directly confirm Carolina's statement but said: "If I were to pick the most difficult hostage scenario, this would be the one."

Unlike a typical hostage situation, he said, here "the enemy was not in a fixed position. You can't surround them, you can't observe them."

"They can disappear in 20 steps," said Wurster, chief of US Special Operations under the US Pacific Command.

Handcuffs found

Post-operation reports of the June 7 encounter, in which Martin and Edibora were slain and Gracia was wounded, indicated that Martin's hands were free when his body was found. But soldiers did retrieve chains and handcuffs from the site.

Wurster refused to give details of the technical support the United States provided, downplaying its importance and tossing much of the credit instead to Philippine "human intelligence."

"US technical assistance would not have been adequate. The best leads still came from the AFP," he stressed.

Carolina dispelled persistent reports that the June 7 clash was merely a "chance encounter." He said Operation Daybreak was actually an "upgrading" of "Oplan Rescuer," conceived much earlier during the time of his predecessor, now AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Roy Cimatu.

Operation Daybreak entered its planning stage mid-April when intelligence reports indicated that a band of Abu Sayyaf bandits had crossed from Basilan to the Zamboanga peninsula. At that time, though, the military still could not tell whether that group was the one holding the hostages.

One indicator raised this possibility: The group being monitored in Zamboanga was "not as fast" as a group without hostages would have been.

Another Southcom official said part of keeping the plan secret was denying press reports that the bandits had already moved from Basilan to Zamboanga.

"Daybreak" was finally launched on May 27 upon Carolina's orders, when the military concluded that there was an "above 60 percent" probability that the hostages were with the Zamboanga group.

"That was enough basis for me to make the decision," Carolina said.

Other Abu groups

"But, of course," Carolina added, the military kept applying pressure on other Abu Sayyaf groups earlier identified under Oplan Rescuer.

He was referring to at least four more groups remaining in Basilan and five more operating in Sulu. The military objective regarding these other bandit units outside Zamboanga, Carolina said, was to "degrade their capability to do additional atrocities that would compound the problem."

"And we succeeded in doing that. Since October last year, the Abu Sayyaf has not been able to undertake terrorist activities."

The week of the fateful encounter, however, the Abu Sayyaf guarding the hostages abducted another hostage and forced him to serve as their guide through the unfamiliar terrain.

Southcom records showed that about 400 men were mobilized for Operation Daybreak, divided into five task groups: Army Scout Rangers, Light Reaction Groups, Marine Reconnaissance, Naval Special Warfare Group, and an Air Force helicopter team.

Two days after the launch, on May 29, additional hints that the Zamboanga group was holding the hostages were obtained when government troops had a 20-minute firefight with the bandits in Sitio Balobagan, Barangay Piacan, Siraway town.

Retrieved from the bandits then were "jars of peanut butter and half a sack of rice," Carolina said.

In that May 29 encounter, however, there was still no confirmation about the hostages.

But the following day, bandit leader Abu Sabaya announced that he would shortly free Edibora. To Carolina, Sabaya's announcement suggested that "he knew we were very close already and that he wanted to preempt any rescue attempt. So he can say, 'We released them, they we're not rescued.'"

Sabaya's announcement also ruled out one of the military's earlier assumptions that Yap would be with another group, presumably commanded by the bandit she had reportedly been "married" to.

The next encounter took place on June 7. By then, military presence in the area had increased to about 600 men, according to Southcom records.

No second-guessing

At the US Embassy in Manila, spokesperson Frank Jenista said there was no doubt the Abu Sayyaf should be held liable for the death of Martin and Edibora and the wounding of Gracia.

"As Ambassador Francis Ricciardone said, there is no moral ambiguity here. The Abu Sayyaf Group is to blame for the deaths of Edibora Yap and Martin Burnham, and the injury of Gracia Burnham," Jenista said in a telephone interview.

Scout Rangers who took part in the rescue attempt had told the that Martin was facing government troops when he was shot in the back.

"The Abu Sayyaf is liable because they took the Burnhams and Edibora Yap hostage. They refused to release them after being repeatedly requested to set the hostages free. There is no second-guessing here that the Abu Sayyaf are the ones to blame," Jenista said.

In Camp Aguinaldo, the Department of National Defense said it had not yet decided whether it wanted a copy of Martin's autopsy report.

"I do not know," spokesperson Melchor Rosales said. "We will have to inquire whether there is such a report and whether we can get one."

But it might not make much of a difference as the US government had already placed the blame squarely on the Abu Sayyaf, he said.

Burnham was autopsied in Japan shortly after the June 7 encounter. ***With reports from Norman Bordadora and Martin P. Marfil***

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Tiger weathers storm to win US Open

WOODS: "Let's celebrate this one. This was hard fought against a lot of great competitors." AFP

FARMINGDALE, New York—Tiger Woods weathered a storm delay and a late threat from Phil Mickelson to win the 102nd US Open here Sunday, becoming the first man in 30 years to complete the first half of golf's Grand Slam.

Woods won his eighth major title and became only the fifth man to win the US Open and Masters in the same year, the first since Jack Nicklaus in 1972. He can complete a Grand Slam sweep at July's British Open and August's PGA Championship.

After accepting the US Open trophy, the Slam was the last thing on his mind.

"Let's celebrate this one. One at a time," he said. "This was hard fought against a lot of great competitors."

After waiting through a 49-minute storm delay with seven holes remaining, Woods finished a two-over par 72 last round to end at three-under 277 for a three-stroke win over Mickelson, whose 15th major top-10 with no wins came on his 32nd birthday.

Woods battled through tricky winds and overcome bogeys on the first two holes to win his seventh title in the past 11 majors.

"This golf course was playing awfully hard with the wind blowing as hard as it was," Woods said. "I didn't get off to the greatest of starts, but I hung in there all day and was fortunate to come out with the win."

Storm struck

Woods led Mickelson by three strokes when the storm struck, sending 18 players still on the course and 42,000 spectators running for cover at Bethpage Black.

Mickelson returned from the break with a birdie at the par-5 13th hole to pull within two strokes of Woods, the nearest anyone had come since Friday morning.

But Woods matched him with a birdie at 13, his long eagle putt rolling up an inch short, to regain a three-stroke edge. Mickelson took bogeys at 16 and 17, the latter on a two-footer par miss, to doom his comeback bid.

"It's a shame Tiger didn't come back at all," Mickelson said. "When he made a couple bogeys early, I thought there might be an opportunity. I knew I would need a couple of birdies. I'm sorry I came a little short."

Woods made bogeys at the 16th and 18th, the last on a five-foot par putt, but had plenty of cushion to win his seventh major in the past 11 played.

Woods led by four strokes when the round began and won for the 24th time in 26 events where he has led entering the last round, including 8-for-8 in majors.

Inner strength

"It shows the inner strength he has," six-time major champion Nick Faldo of England said. "They won't beat that until he thinks he has had enough."

The 26-year-old American also became the first two-time wire-to-wire US Open winner. His first such victory came two years ago at Pebble Beach, where Woods rolled to a 15-stroke triumph, the largest rout in major golf history.

Spectators cheered on Woods and Mickelson throughout the day, most lustfully over the final holes as twilight gloom gathered on the first public course to host the US Open.

Overcoming his early bogeys, Woods protected his lead with pars and a 12-foot birdie putt at the par-4 seventh hole while rivals faded.

"He controls the pace," Faldo said. "If he goes forward, guys will chase him. If he slows down, guys slow down. It's very interesting."

Jeff Maggert, who began five back, never overcame a double bogey on the third hole and settled for third at 282, his 11th top-10 major finish without a victory.

"To shoot three- or four-under out here would be a career round," Maggert said. "Five shots behind is a lot. If the guy at five-under doesn't move back, it's pretty difficult."

Spain's Sergio Garcia, who began four back, withered playing alongside Woods, going three-over on the front nine to end his hopes. He finished fourth on 283. ***AFP***

US Open final round scores

277 Tiger Woods 67 68 70 72
280 Phil Mickelson 70 73 67 70
282 Jeff Maggert 69 73 68 72
283 Sergio Garcia (Spain) 68 74 67 74
285 Nick Faldo (Britain) 70 76 66 73, Scott Hoch 71 75 70
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Garcia a whiner, fans say

FARMINGDALE, New York—Sergio Garcia had some big things on his mind Saturday morning. First he had to find a way to apologize to Tiger Woods, then figure out a way to beat him.

Garcia took care of the apology with a note he left in Woods' locker before teeing off in the third round of the US Open. The rest is still a work in progress.

Braving a rowdy crowd that yelled both encouragement and insults along almost every fairway and green, Garcia somehow managed to shoot a 3-under 67 Saturday and moved within four shots of Woods.

It was good enough to get him in the final round with Woods, turning what had been a mundane US Open into a must-see Sunday spectacular.

"I'm respectful of his game and his persona," Garcia said. "But we're just two human beings trying to put a little ball in the hole."

Maybe so. But there was much more than that going on Saturday afternoon, when Garcia was peppered with shouts of "Whiner" and "Waggle Boy" as he tried to shake off the misery of a second round gone bad and get back into contention.

The day before, he made the mistake–after a long, frustrating day–of suggesting that Woods got all the breaks and preferential treatment. He tried to make amends with Woods by leaving a note of apology in his locker, a gesture Woods said he appreciated.

Flood of memories for Woods

FARMINGDALE, New York—Tiger Woods reflected on his second U.S. Open triumph on Sunday and reeled off several reasons why his three-stroke victory had been so important to him.

He had not only become the first player since Jack Nicklaus, in 1972, to win the first two majors of the year but did so on a truly public course in front of impassioned New York fans for whom the memory of the suicide attacks on the U.S. last September was still very fresh in the mind.

"To play on a public facility such as this. They've done an incredible job this week of getting this golf course ready," Woods said of Bethpage State Park's par-70 Black Course, which is the first genuine public layout to stage the second major championship of the year.

"And on top of that, the changes they made to the golf course to make this difficult for all of us," the world number one said.

The Black Course, at 7,214 yards, is the longest layout in U.S. Open history.

"And on top of that, the fans — the enthusiasm they showed the entire week is second to none," said the 26-year-old American.

"And on top of that, the U.S. Open always, always, is a special event. But I think, after what has transpired in September here for all the fans, I think that just makes it, the atmosphere more special."

Last-day challenge

Woods, who fired a closing 72 to hold off the last-day challenge of Phil Mickelson and secure the eighth major title of his career, said he had never before played in front of such loud fans on a golf course — Ryder Cup included.

"I've never played in front of galleries such as this," he said. "I don't think anyone has, really. This is completely new to all of us, for them to be this excited, from the first tee to the 18th green.

"They were pretty revved up. But, going down the first hole, I was just hoping that the fans wouldn't cross the line with the comments they would use throughout the day.

"And to be honest with you, yes they did. There were fans who crossed the line, but the majority of them didn't. The majority of them were obviously excited but respectful. ***Reuters***

Highlands best course

TAGAYTAY Highlands bagged the best in overall service and facilities awards during the 2002 Club Awards of the Inquirer Golf Monthly and GG&A Club Shares held recently at the New World Hotel.

In capturing both awards, Tagaytay Highlands lived up to its billing as one of the leading venues for business and leisure.

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The Tagaytay Highlands has modern conference facilities, suite accommodations, a scenic 18-hole golf course, an equestrian riding ring and a host of food and beverage outlets to choose from.

Apart from these amenities, the Tagaytay Highlands also opened a conference center if only to provide the perfect facility in the name of business and pleasure.

Granger tops men's singles

NATIONAL team mentor Purvis Granger was not about to let his players—and countrymen—down, whipping Teerapol Sajjaraktrakul in the finals to bag the men's title of the 2002 Asian Bowling Tour third leg Monday night.

On the day Filipino bowlers bowed out one after the other in the Asian Bowling Federation sanctioned tournament, Granger rose to the occasion and didn't disappoint the crowd at the Pearl Bowling Center which expected a big celebration for the host country.

Granger proved too much for his Thai opponent, scoring a 222-204 victory in the final to pocket the $5,000 prize purse and earn 75 ranking points.

The Filipino routed Korean Tae Bum Yang in the semifinals, 246-193, to set up his final meeting with Sajjaraktrakul, a 213-172 winner over fellow Thai Watcharapong Ungtrakul in the other final four pairing.

Granger's victory softened the impact of Liza del Rosario's heartbreaking loss to Chinese Taipei's Wang Yu Ling in the women's final earlier.

'The score was irrelevant'

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

READER Roberto E. Cabilao wrote to say Cassius Casas' score in the just-concluded US Open "was irrelevant, in my book he represented the Phil!." He sounded angry. "I hope this (his letter) will be printed in your newspaper." You asked for it, you got it. Here's Cabilao's unedited letter.

"Dear Mr. Mendoza:

"While you have the right to say anything in your column, let me say this straight into your face, the Black is a very difficult course since I had played in it in the early '70's.

"Considering your talent as a golfer, what God given right do you have to denigrate the participation of Cassius Casas?

"The score was irrelevant, in my book he represented the Phil!

"To me he was a winner compared to our local professionals who seem fit to give all kinds of alibis to avoid competition on the world stage.

"Remember Sergio Garcia scored an 89 in one British Open!

"Sincerely,
"(SGD.) Roberto E. Cabilao
VP-Purchasing Dept. & Assistant Treasurer
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Thank you, sir.

Just some points on the points you raised.

With due respect, sir, you are wrong. I do not have the right to say anything in my column. That'd be like saying I could curse Cardinal Sin or call GMA names anytime I want to. Just like in your office I believe, over here we also have rules to follow.

Thank you for saying I am a talented golfer. Careful, sir. As Shakespeare wrote, "Flattery can lead one to nowhere." Truth is, I'm not talented. Otherwise, I would have taken Casas' place in the last US Open. And placed a rung better than Casas?

Wait a minute, sir. Did you say "God given right?" If God has given it, who am I, a mere mortal, not to follow the Lord's wish?

But no, sir. I did not and will never denigrate Casas' participation in the US Open. How can you denigrate a historic first achieved by a Filipino in one of the world's four majors? Read the column again, sir. I wrote about Casas' poor performance and never denigrated his participation. Did Casas not perform poorly? Placing dead last wasn't embarrassing? Truth hurts, sir, but then the trick is, learn to accept truth and "you'll feel better" as Billie Holiday sang it so beautifully in "*Don't Worry 'Bout Me.*"

Oops! I disagree again. Even in a fun tournament, scores are relevant or we don't have winners and losers at all. One representing his country abroad does not give him the license to perform badly on the world stage.

You said you played Bethpage. Who would care about your score? You didn't represent the country did you?

Hey, that was a serious accusation you hurled at "our local professionals" giving alibis "to avoid competition on the world stage." Can you give me even just one name, please?

I'll tell him to seek advice from Casas on how to play the US Open by not really trying.

To tourists, scores are irrelevant.

Valley-Bogor Raya reciprocal playing rights

VALLEY Golf and Country Club has just signed a reciprocal playing rights agreement with the Klub Golf Bogor Raya, a world class golfing destination in Indonesia.

Upon the invitation of Gerry Collado, a Filipino resident of Indonesia and member of the said Indon club, the reciprocal contract was initially arranged through Valley director and assistant treasurer Mike Liamzon.

The terms of the agreement were discussed March 30, 2002, finalized on April 9 in Bogor, 45 minutes away by car from Jakarta.

A responsive group of Valley officials therefore were the signatories like club VP Alexander "Bobot" Marquez and club manager Mariano Canilao Jr. and for Bogor, GM Adrian Wahyudi and operations director Bhakti Widjaja.

Also present during the signing formalities were Valley directors Ben Reyes, club treasurer Gavino "Nonoy" Carpio Jr., assistant treasurer Mike Liamzon and club members Augusto "Gus" Sy, president of the active SunWed and Doming Basas.

The reciprocal agreement opens to members of both clubs the facilities of each club on arranged visits and tours. Surely, it fortifies the concept of tourism golf which our government has now in the program launched by DOT Secretary Richard "Dick" Gordon.

FONACIER, VILLANUEVA SHINE

Ateneo pockets Game 1 vs Blu

GAMES TOMORROW *(Pasig Sports Center)*
3 p.m.—ICTSI-La Salle vs Kutitap Toothpaste (for 3rd)
5 p.m.—Ateneo-Hapee-Nenaco vs Blu (championship)

By Dennis U. Eroa

FORMER high school phenomenon Larry Fonacier and bullstrong Enrico Villanueva conspired last night as Ateneo-Hapee-Negros Navigation slipped past Blu Sun Power, 76-73, and took Game One of the PBL Chairman's Cup best-of-five title series at the Makati Coliseum.

Fonacier, 6-foot-3, exploded with seven points, including a triple and two crucial free throws in the fourth quarter, as the Blue Eagles repulsed the last-minute charge of the Detergent Kings.

Playmaker Aris Dimaunahan kept Blu's hopes alive as he completed a steal off Andrew Cruz, 73-74, but Fonacier calmly sank his two gift shots after an errant pass by Lou Gatumbato 11 seconds remaining.

The Detergent Kings had one last chance to extend the ballgame, but Eric de la Cuesta's desperation shot from the three-point area rimmed out which led to a celebration by the Blue Eagles and their supporters.

"We expected this kind of game," said Ateneo coach Joel Banal.

Fonacier's heroics preserved the game-long brilliance of Villanueva, Celino and Andrew Cruz, Rich Alvarez and Efren Valdez, who came to the ballgame determined and focused.

Villanueva, 6-foot-5, battled Blu slotman Marlon Legaspi and Arnold Calo furiously in the middle, while Celino had masterminded Ateneo's smooth plays. Andrew performed well from the bench as he escaped with nine points, including a triple which gave Ateneo the lead, 67-66, three minutes left.

Valdez and Alvarez shone in the early goings, giving Blu's big men the fits. They combined for 18 points and 12 rebounds, with Valdez limiting Calo to five points.

The Detergent Kings got off to a flying start, but failed to leave the Blue Eagles behind by a wide margin. Ateneo had led, 48-41, but De la Cuesta, Legaspi and Tris Codamon exploded as Blu trailed by 3, 56-53, at the end of the third period.

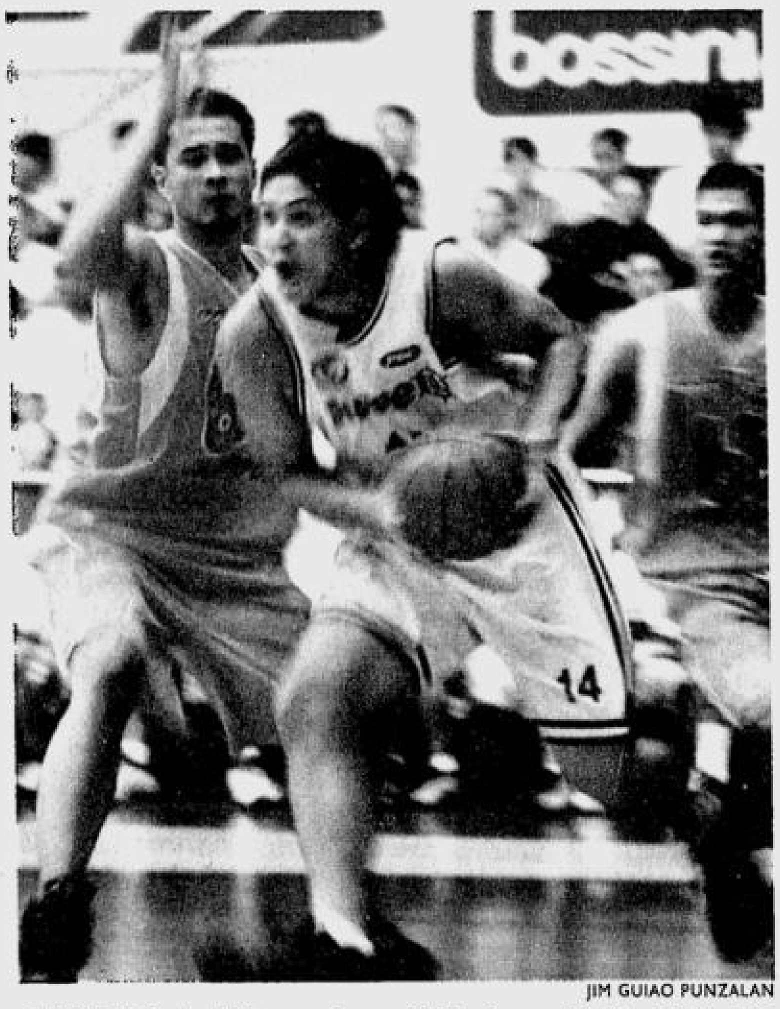
Earlier, Cyrus Baguio and Niño Gelig starred as Kutitap Toothpaste outlasted ICTSI-La Salle in overtime, 82-76, and moved to within a win of taking third place.

Scores:

ATENEO 76—Cruz C 15, Fonacier 14, Villanueva 13, Alvarez 9, Valdes 9, Cruz 9, Gonzales 5, Aniciete 2, Domingo 0, Regidor 0, Chia 0.

BLU 73—Legaspi 19, Codamon 17, Dimaunahan 15, De la Cuesta 12, Calo 5, Gatumbato 2, Latoreno 2, Machica 1, Roldan 0.

Quarters: 14-18, 30-29, 56-53, 76-73.



JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

ATENEO'S Enrico Villanueva leaves Marlon Legaspi (left) and Eric de la Cuesta (right) of Blu behind while driving to the basket. Ateneo won, 76-73.

Rave reviews for NCAA's 'Rock and Raw'

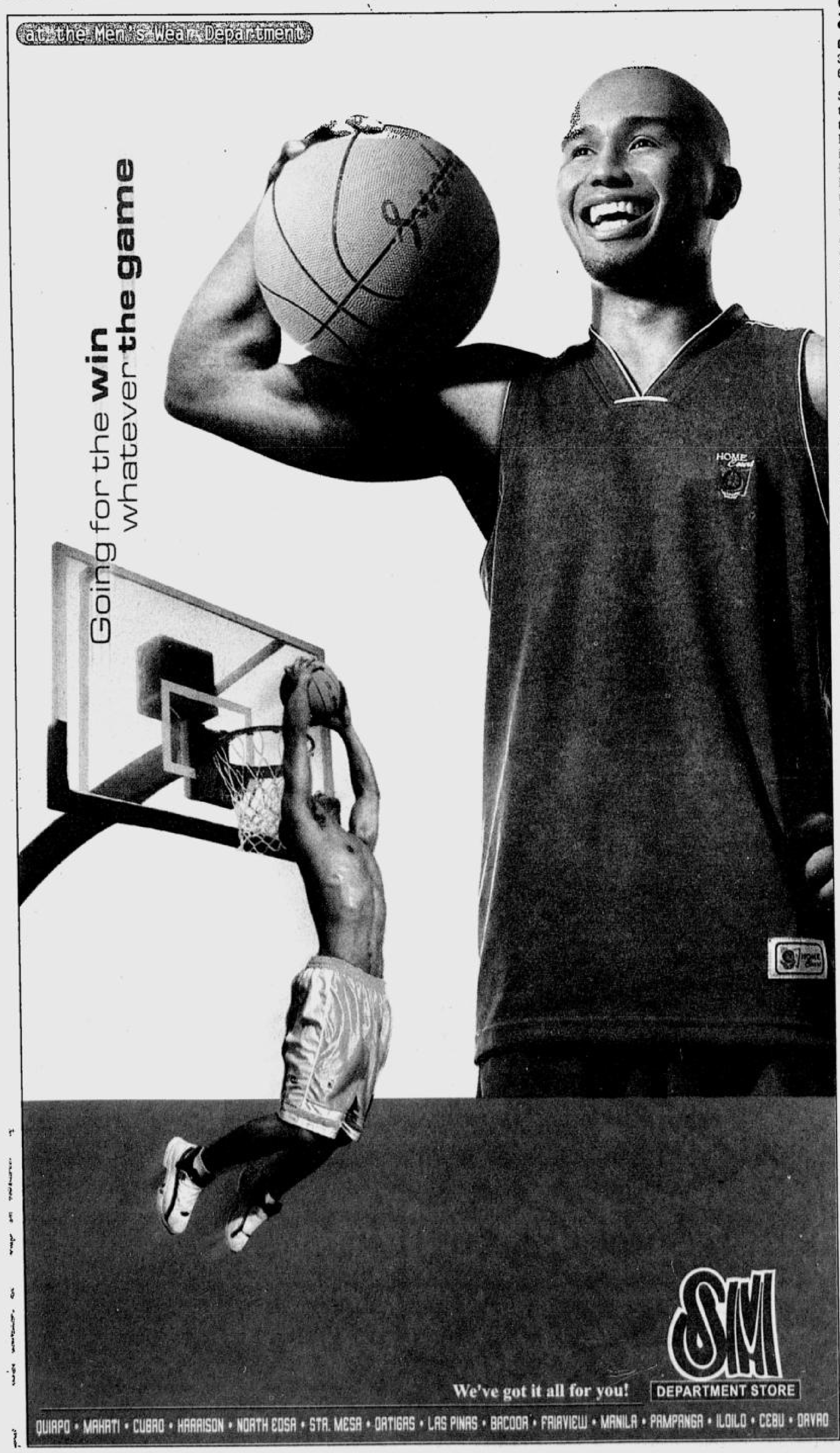
STUDIO 23's series of "Rock and Raw" plugs drew positive reaction from officials and followers of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), surveys showed.

The teasers, aimed at increasing awareness and interest in the televised coverage of the 77-year old league beginning June 29 over the youth-targeted UHF channel, features NCAA basketball heroes Romel Adducul, Chris Calaguio, Freddie Hubalde, Philip Cezar, and MBA Commissioner Chito Loyzaga, all of whom played outstandingly for champion teams of various eras.

Juju Villanueva, on-air manager for Studio 23's Creative team, explains that the theme is a play on the "rawness" of the NCAA in terms of intensity and excitement, the NCAA being "the more action-driven, rougher, macho league. *Walang takot ang mga* players *dito*."

Products of the NCAA's exciting devil-may-care grounding are the hangtime triad of Samboy "The Skywalker" Lim from Letran, Bong "Mr. Excitement" Alvarez from San Sebastian, and Vergel Meneses from JRU, and more recently the fearless Willie Miller from Letran and Chester Tolomia from UPHR.

The league's raw quality extends even to its rowdy but intensely loyal crowd. Letran's Fr. Ed Alaurin, O.P. of the NCAA Management Committee (ManCom), said that each game is just as intensely fought on the court and in the stands.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LBC routs Osaka, gets back on track

GAMES TODAY *(RMC Gym, Davao)*
3:30 p.m.—Negros vs Cebu
6:00 p.m.—Cagayan vs Davao

SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga—It took LBC Batangas only two days to recover their bearing in the MBA National Conference. Smarting from its opening-day loss, LBC Batangas routed Osaka Pangasinan, 96-77, yesterday at the Bren Z. Guiao Convention Center here.

The Blades, beaten by the Gilbey's Olongapo Volunteers (95-92) on Saturday, showed much better form against the Waves as they controlled the game from the start.

Alex Compton and Peter Martin led the Blades' surge in the second half and were joined by Eddie Laure and Jeffrey Sanders in the firing end.

Compton wound up with 22 points and nine assists while Martin finished with 17 points, 10 rebounds and one block to share best player honors for the reigning national champions. Sanders chipped in 19 points and Laure added 17.

The Blades hinted of things to come when they took a 25-21 first quarter lead behind the sniping of Sanders, Compton and Laure.

It was a rude awakening for the Waves, who nipped the Pampanga Stars, 106-104, in the opener on Saturday as they continued to miss the services of prolific Fil-Am Chris Clay.

Former Blade Romel Adducul topscored for the Waves with a game-high 23 points but his teammates failed to provide offensive support.

Professional Davao showed its new found strength by whipping Cebuana Lhuillier, 76-65, on Sunday night at the Davao Oriental Sports and Cultural Center in Mati.

Rookie Jon Dan Salvador played his best game so far for the Eagles, firing 17 points and grabbing 22 rebounds as he routed his taller counterparts inside the shaded lane.

Gilbey's Olongapo and Pampanga are still playing at presstime. ***Roy Luarca***

Scores:

BATANGAS 96—Compton 22, Sanders 19, Martin 17, Laure 17, Rivera 9, Ramirez 5, Cuevas 4, Corbin 3, Mapalad 0, De Castro 0.

PANGASINAN 77—Adducul 23, Aquino 13, Castillo 12, Ferreria 11, David 6, De Guia 5, Garcia 3, Alcantara 2, Banares 2, Lambert 0.

Quarters: 25-21, 44-39, 69-58, 96-77.

Macasaet leads derbyists

THE SHOWDOWN of big-time cockers and gamefowl breeders resumes tonight at the Mandaluyong Coliseum with the staging of the Ucap Clean-Up Derby, with the Optimum Property Management Inc. (OPMI) as promoter.

To field their unscathed derby winners are Ucap president Butch Macasaet, recent International 9-Cock double champ Raymond Velayo, Jet Fernando, lawyer Ram Lopez, Joey Lapid, LGBA prexy Boy Diaz, Charlie Reyes, Alan Tan, Sonny Lagon, Mayor Joel Brillantes, Alex Tang and Tony Litonjua, among others.

As a gesture of gratitude to thousands of cockfight aficionados who followed the recently concluded Ucap 2002 Cocker of the Year race, the OPMI management lowered the admission fees today: P300 for ringside and P200 for general admission.

Meanwhile, another 4-cocker is slated on June 20 to be hosted by Jojo Alcovendaz of San Juan.

For other inquiries, call 531-4003, 531-4005, 534-4110 and 535-2341.

'Raging bull' Velayo scores

RAYMOND Velayo is wild like a raging bull these days.

Just one week after capturing the Mandaluyong 9-Cock International Derby, Velayo extended his winning rampage by conquering the 69-entry "Annual Birthday 5-Cock Derby" on June 16 at the Iloilo Coliseum in Iloilo City.

Velayo, who was invited by Iloilo Coliseum ownezzning five straight matches using the Claret Roundheads hatch (bullstags) of Butch Halili from Bacolod City.

BM War The Breeded of C. Chin was the other champion.

"It was simply pure luck because as of now, I only have about 100 fighters available. My opponents in Iloilo were big-time gamefowl breeders who command thousands of battlebirds in their respective farms," said Velayo, also known as Mr. Dehado.

CHAMPS ALL

Christian Canlas of Ateneo (extreme left) poses with fellow tennis winners in the recent Palarong Pambansa in Naga City. Canlas' National Capital Region z teammates are (from left) Daniel Luis Macalino, Kyle Dandan and Russell Arcilla Jr. Coach Ronaldo de Guzman is at right.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

TODAY in 1995, San Lorenzo Village notched 314 points to rule the J&B Intervillage Makati golf tournament at Sta. Elena.

WORLD CUP SAGA

US makes quarters after 72 years

JEONJU, South Korea—Brian McBride and Landon Donovan scored as the United States beat Mexico, 2-0, on Monday to reach the World Cup quarterfinals—its best showing in 72 years.

Skipper Claudio Reyna burst down the right wing in the 8th minute, powered his way into the box and his cross was flicked back by Josh Wolff into the path of McBride, who fired in his second goal of the tournament.

He became the first American to score twice in one World Cup since Bert Patenaude got four goals in the first tournament in 1930, when the United States reached the semifinals.

The Americans went 2-0 up after 65 minutes when Eddie Lewis broke down the left and his cross was firmly headed into the right-hand corner of the net by Donovan from the edge of the six-yard box.

The United States now faces Germany on Friday.

As expected, the match was a highly charged and bruising affair between the two neighbors, with tackles flying.

Both teams picked up five yellow cards and Mexico's captain Rafael Marquez was shown a straight red card in the 88th minute after clattering Cobi Jones with a high kick and a blow with his head.

"It's a rivalry. We know each other. There's been a lot of bad blood over the years," said U.S. coach Bruce Arena.

"When the game's over, we're friends again."

Hours before the match, U.S. President George W. Bush and Mexico President Vicente Fox spoke on the telephone to wish each other luck.

Mexico dominated possession throughout the match but was denied by the Americans' brave defense and some fine goalkeeping by Brad Friedel.

LANDON Donovan (center) of the United States heads the ball past Mexico's goalkeeper Oscar Perez (right) and Gerardo Torrado to score his team's second goal. The United States won, 2-0. AP

Before beating Mexico yesterday, the Americans' best showing was a semifinal stint in 1930

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Adidas lightning football produces Visayan winners

WEST Negros College, San Carlos City and Don Bosco beat their respective opponents to kick their way to the National Finals by ruling the second Visayan leg of the 1st adidas Lightning Football in Bacolod City last weekend.

The West Negros College footballers outsteadied University of St. La Salle, 5-4, to win the tough Open category. San Carlos City lorded it over the Under-19 division by blasting Don Bosco, 2-0.

In the under-15 class, the Don Bosco booters blanked Bago City, 3-0.

The Visayan leg champions qualified to the 1st adidas Lightning Football National Finals on June 30 at the Ateneo de Manila University football grounds.

Present during the awarding ceremonies were adidas product managers Nel Belgado and Mike Ignacio with Jojo Rodriguez as tournament director.

The 1st adidas Lighting Football was presented by adidas Philippines in cooperation with Fuji films and McDonald's and supported by Hotel Intercontinental Manila, Zed, HSBC, Sony records, Dream Broadcasting, 99.5 RT and 89.9 dwTM.

'Discovery' gives viewers unique World Cup guide

DISCOVERY Channel treated its viewers Sunday night with behind-the-scene efforts involved in the making of the 2002 World Cup co-hosted by Japan and Korea.

Discovery Channel's Ultimate Goal provided the viewers with a unique insider's guide from the man responsible for the incredible floating pitch in Japan's Sapporo stadium to the martial arts-trained Osaka police tasked to cope with rowdy fans.

Also featured were the responsibilities of all the personalities involved in the event, including the stadium cleaner whose job starts at the end of each game and the catering manager tasked to feed thousands of visiting supporters.

The program also followed the British TV director, whose responsibility is to make sure that matches are beamed to billions of football fanatics across the globe.

Exclusive media access inside the coliseum also made it possible to follow the progress of security measures being taken, ticket sales and the layout of the venue suitable to the needs of the whole entourage.

PAF Monfort Cup champ

BAROTAC NUEVO, Iloilo—Philippine Air Force whipped Philippine Army, 3-0, recently to bag the open crown in the 9th Monfort Football Cup at the local field.

The Airmen thus maintained their supremacy over the Armymen in the invitational tournament organized by Barotac Nuevo Football Association, sanctioned by the Philippine Football Federation and sponsored by San Miguel Corp., Nestle Phils. and Pagcor.

The Airmen led 2-0 at halftime on the sallies of Edsel Bracamonte in the sixth minute and Jan Araneta in the 22nd. Willie Sovere completed the rout with a long shot in the 56th minute.

Barotac Nuevo ruled the students' category while University of St. La Salle (Bacolod) was given the Chris Monfort Fair Play Award.

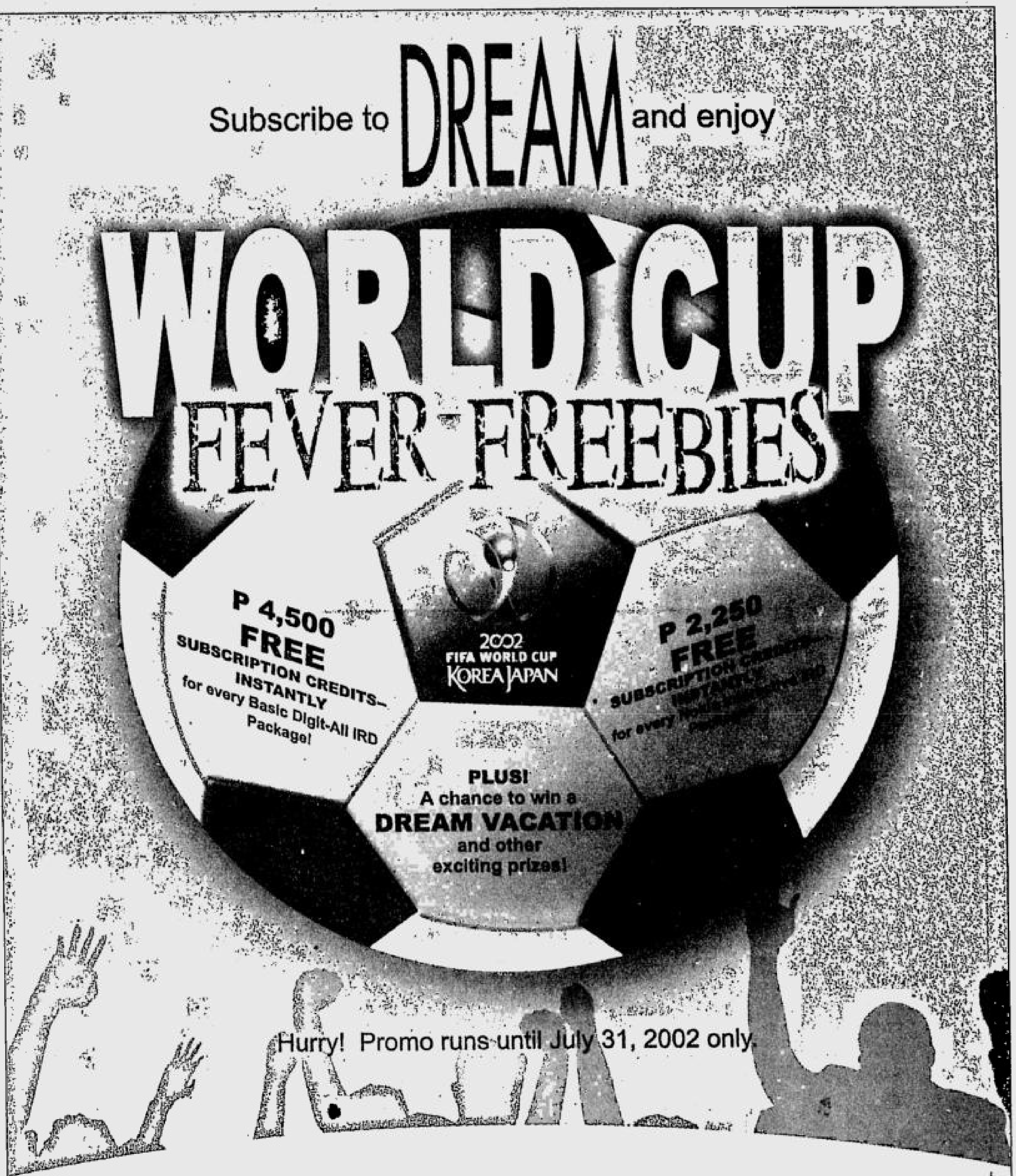
Among those who graced the awarding rites were Congressman Narciso D. Monfort, Fifa Development Office's Diana Ching Chin Lee and Poon Yoke Heng, PFF president Rene Z. Adad, PFF executive vice president Mariano Araneta, PFF general secretary Mike Villadolid, Kasibulan's Johnny Romualdez, German consultant Bernd Fischer and national head coach Kambe.

Borris vs Tan for netfest crown

CEBU—Laurence Borris upset James Canete, 4-6, 7-6-, 6-2, to arrange a championship match with fellow Maasin, Southern Leyte, netter Jeedra Tan.

Tan ousted Robby Soquino, 6-0, 6-1, in the boys' 14-under division in the 2002 Milo Junior Tennis Cup and Regional Workshop Sunday here at the Sancase tennis club.

Ana Micayabas of Maramag, Bukidnon, downed Floreza Alesna, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2, to enter the girls' 16-under final and will meet Gay Cabasisi in the girls' 18-under bracket for a possible double title in the Milo netfest organized by the CTW Group supported by adidas and Sports Kids and sanctioned by Philta.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COMMISSIONER'S CUP

Express seek revenge versus Tigers

GAME TODAY (Cuneta Astrodome)
7 p.m.—Fedex vs Coca-Cola

By June Navarro

COCA-COLA frustrated the debuting FedEx Express during the opener of last conference's PBA Governors Cup.

Since then, the Express never had the opportunity to exact revenge with the Tigers.

The Express could finally settle the score with the Tigers tonight at the start of their campaign in the PBA Commissioner's Cup at the Cuneta Astrodome.

But the Express, the newest team after it had taken control of Tanduay's franchise at the start of the year, will most likely find the Tigers hard to tame in their 7 p.m. grudge match.

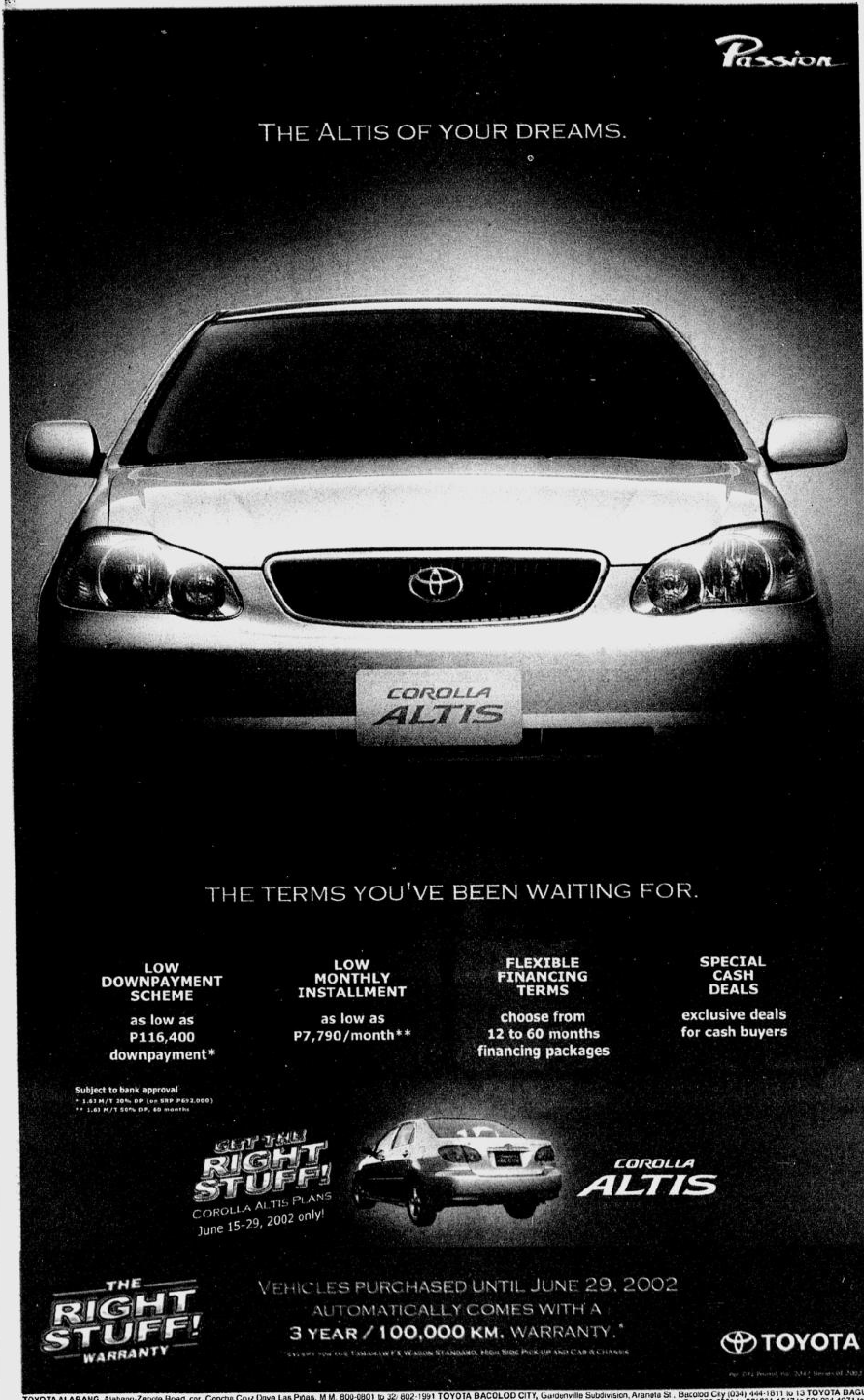
Jarmaine Walker, who led the Express to a fifth-place finish last conference, will pair up with a smaller import in Jeremy Robinson.

Robinson is an 11th hour acquisition after Walker and 7-foot-3 Priest Lauderdale exceeded the 13.6 feet combined ceiling for imports.

Standing two inches shorter than Walker at 6-foot-2, Robinson teamed up with Bobby Parks in steering the country to the Seaba crown two months back.

FedEx team manager Lito Alvarez, however, said that Robinson's stint would only be temporary as Art Long, Lauderdale's original replacement, is expected to fly into the country within the week.

Just the same, it sounds good news for the Tigers, who are gearing up to better their third-place finish in the Governors Cup.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TONY Lang of Batang Red Bull soars for a lay-up over Barangay Ginebra's Silas Mills in this bit of PBA action Sunday night. Red Bull won, 81-69. ROMY HOMILLADA

Lunas stakes nat'l flyweight title June 22

RP flyweight champion Rolly Lunas will make his first title defense against challenger Franklin Makalibo of Manila on June 22 in Tobaco City.

Undefeated in 11 fights, highlighted by seven knockouts, Lunas has been assured by promoter Jun Sarreal of a crack against OPBF champion and WBC No. 3 contender Hiroshi Nakano of Japan if he beats Makalibo.

Lunas captured the RP flyweight diadem against veteran Melvin Magramo in Panique, Tarlac, on April 20. Makalibo has won his last five fights and holds a record of 14 wins, four losses and four draws.

A golden belt donated by Tobaco Mayor Alex Burce goes to the winner of the Lunas-Makalibo encounter. Boxers and GAB officials will be transported to Tobaco City by Armenta Bus Lines.

Prior to the fight, Joel Consulta of Bicol will trade blows with Benjie Concepcion of Catanduanes in an eight-round supporting bout while Isidro Contreras of Mandaluyong Gym faces Ysmael Reyes of Montalban, Rizal, in six rounds.

Other fights pit Ricky Okoy of Bukidnon and Jimboy Rodriguez (112 lb), Anthony Rosal of Zamboanga City and Manila's Ericson Asilo (130 lb), Mandaluyong Gym's Lester Robia and Jovy Ovida from the Elorde stable (113 lb) and Isidro Lacroa of Mandaluyong and Elorde's Deniz Gutierrez (108 lb).

Boxers leave for Malaysia

THE EIGHT-MAN Team Caltex leaves tonight to clash with some of the region's finest simonpures in the Asian Amateur Boxing Championship slated in Seremban, Malaysia, June 19 to 26.

Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines president Manny Lopez described the squad as a mix of veterans and newcomers who are out to spring surprises.

The tournament will serve as final phase of the selection for members of the Philippine boxing team to the Busan Asian Games in September.

Team Caltex is composed of flyweight Lhuven Salazar, a gold medalist in the Bosnia Cup, flyweight Warlito Pareñas, bantamweight Ferdie Gamo, featherweight Roel Laguna, lightweight Anthony Igusquiza, light welterweight Florencio Ferrer, light middleweight Christopher Camat and middleweight Maraon Goles.

Lopez said they will form the national squad for the Busan Asiad after the Malaysian stint.

The team, bankrolled by Caltex Philippines, is also getting support from the Philippine Sports Commission, Pacific Heights and Revicon.

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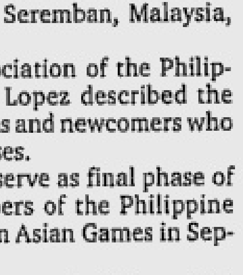

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Jancom deal needs nod of LGUs, says Fernando

By Alcuin Papa

NEWLY installed Metropolitan Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando yesterday said all local government units would have to approve the controversial Jancom garbage deal before he could recommend it to the President.

Fernando said he is concerned over the local government units' "capability to pay the tipping fee" required in the controversial $350-million contract.

The MMDA or the local government will give the garbage contractor a tipping fee for every ton of trash processed.

Fernando made the statement yesterday in his first news conference, right after the turnover ceremonies at the MMDA headquarters in Makati City.

"I understand that after two years, the local governments will start to shoulder the payment of tipping fees," Fernando said. "That will cut into their expenses. If there is a need for the contract, the LGUs must all agree to pay. Let's make sure everyone can pay."

When asked about the negotiations between Jancom officials and former MMDA chair Benjamin Abalos to lower

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Kidnapped boy rescued after 14 months

By Philip C. Tubeza

FOURTEEN months after he was kidnapped, the 4-year-old son of a Filipino-Chinese businessman was rescued by members of National Bureau of Investigation agents, with the help of Chief Supt. Romeo Maganto.

Maganto said NBI agents rescued the son of businessman Charlie Sy in a 10th floor condominium unit on Tomas Mapua Streeet in Sta. Cruz, Manila at about 10 p.m. on Friday.

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Family of slain nurse clears suspect De Leon

By Christian V. Esguerra

THE MURDER case against businesswoman Marybeth Lopez de Leon may just end up in a settlement, according to state prosecutor Mario Mangrobang, after the family of victim Belma Abella filed an affidavit of desistance last Tuesday.

Mangrobang yesterday said it was "very likely" that a huge amount had been offered to persuade the family of the slain private nurse to withdraw its complaint against De Leon.

The affidavit—signed by Abella's son Jansen, husband Raul, and live-in partner Zandro—practically ended the preliminary investigation of the shooting of Abella, Mangrobang said.

In the affidavit, Jansen, Raul, and Zandro claimed that "De Leon could not have killed Abella" because she was her "confidante," according to Mangrobang.

They said De Leon has helped their family a lot, the prosecutor said.

"It is possible that everybody, including the husband who had long been separated from the victim, was involved in the settlement," Mangrobang said in Filipino. "Everybody's happy."

Abella had been separated from husband Raul for many years and had been living with Zandro when she was killed inside De Leon's BMW sedan in front of a Las Piñas subdivision in April.

The family's pronouncements were a complete reversal of Jansen's May 17 reply-affidavit, in which he condemned De Leon, believing she was the one who killed his mother.

The son also argued in his May 17 affidavit that De Leon "committed murder" since "she immediately fled and brought with her the BMW car with the intention of ensuring the death of her victim."

In previous interviews, Jansen and his father had consistently claimed that they would not stop until Abella's killer was put behind bars.

During Abella's wake, her family displayed a picture of De Leon labeled "Wanted."

All that has changed.

"It's their choice if they really agreed on a settlement," Mangrobang said in Filipino. "That's the way it is in some cases."

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NBI, police seize P6M shabu, arrest 4

By Christian V. Esguerra and Philip C. Tubeza

POLICE and the National Bureau of Investigation seized a total of P6 million worth of shabu from four suspects in Pasay City over the weekend.

In the first bust, members of the Metro Manila Drug Enforcement Group (MMDEG) and the Western Police confiscated 2.5 kilos of shabu worth about P5 million from two Chinese and their Filipino-Chinese companion.

The lawmen arrested Wilson Chua, 28, a casino financier and resident of Pasay City, Kwa Robert "Mr. Wang" Co, 30, of Queen City, and Sy May Ann Chua, 26, of Valenzuela City.

The MMDEG learned from an informant that Chua and his companions were responsible for the proliferation of illegal drugs in Pasay and Manila, according to Senior Insp. Michael Secillano.

Senior Supt. Nicasio Radovan, MMDEG chief, formed a seven-man team that organized a buy-bust operation at Chua's apartment at the Blanco Compound on Figueroa Street, police said.

Chua and his two companions were caught in the act of selling the 2.5 kilos of shabu in brown paper bags to PO3 Angel Yumul who posed as buyer, police said.

The suspects were detained at the National Capital Region Police Office at Camp Bagong Diwa in Taguig.

In the second case, NBI and Philippine Air Force intelligence agents confiscated P1 million worth of shabu, also in Pasay City, last week.

NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco said his men and PAF agents confiscated the shabu from Richard Nicolas, 42, of Imus, Cavite.

Wycoco said the shabu seized from Nicolas weighed 746.480 grams.

Head agent Rogelio Mamauag of the NBI Counter-intelligence Division said Nicolas and his companions were involved in drug trafficking in the southern part of Metro Manila.

The bureau set a buy-bust trap for Nicolas on June 12 in Cavite. But the suspect changed the venue several times until he decided to meet the buyer, an NBI agent, in a restaurant along Roxas Boulevard in Pasay City.

Nicolas is detained at the NBI jail.

Cops identify 'Ativan Gang' suspects

By Philip C. Tubeza

POLICEMEN are hunting down seven suspected Ativan Gang members believed to be responsible for the death of a Korean diplomat last week.

Metro Manila police chief Deputy Director General Edgar Aglipay said four of the seven suspects have already been identified: Rocky Soriano alias Robert Sambili, Geraldo Lazaro alias Willy, Lourdes Crudo and Rodrigo Fabricante.

Aglipay showed the picture of a fifth suspect whom he only identified as Fabricante's wife.

The suspects are apparently hiding in the provinces, according to Chief Supt. Jose Gutierrez, Southern Police District director.

Gutierrez said two teams from the SPD and another from the national police's Criminal Investigation and Detection Group are hunting down the suspects.

Aglipay said the seven suspects would be held responsible for the death of South Korean diplomat Chung Young Ho.

Chung disappeared on June 6 and his body was found on June 7 in Marikina City. It was only on June 11 that investigators were able to identify his body. Autopsy reports showed that Chung choked to death.

Gutierrez said guest relations officers (GROs) of a videoke club identified Lazaro and Fabricante as the men who accompanied Chung and his Korean friend, businessman Han Young Chung, the night the diplomat disappeared.

Gutierrez said the suspects took the diplomat and his friend to Paradise Videoke on Ortigas Extension in San Isidro, Taytay, Rizal.

"(The gang members) operate in the Antipolo-Taytay area," Aglipay said.

Police investigation showed that Han and Chung were at the Heritage moneychanger shop on P. Burgos Street in Makati when a man approached them at about 7:30 p.m.

The suspect introduced himself as a Robert Sambili, a vice president of the Hong Kong-Shanghai Bank, police said.

After the Koreans boarded Sambili's car driven by another man, Sambili told them they would be going to Ortigas, police said. When Han said he was familiar with Ortigas, Sambili suggested another venue.

After two hours at the videoke club, Han asked to be dropped off on Meralco Avenue, leaving the diplomat with the suspects, police said.

Han said he called Chung on his cellular phone at 10:50 p.m. and Chung said they were already approaching his house in Makati, police said.

Ten minutes later, Han called Chung again but there was no more reply from the diplomat, police said. Han assumed Chung was already home.

But when Han called up the diplomat's house the following morning, Chung's wife said he did not come home, police said.

Corruption at ATO

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

PANTALEON "Bebot" Alvarez had to resign as transportation and communications secretary because he was already a lame duck. Corrupt subordinates were running circles around him.

He was too preoccupied answering accusations from his critics and courting the members of the powerful Commission on Appointments (CA) to know about the monkey business of the people under him.

Alvarez's successor, Leandro "Larry" Mendoza, should try to get his appointment confirmed with the CA as soon as possible so he could crack the whip at the DOTC's main offices and its bureaus and agencies. As long as his confirmation is up in the air, those crooks at the DOTC will not be afraid of him.

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The agency that Larry Mendoza should keep a close watch on is the Air Transportation Office (ATO). It is possibly the most corrupt office under the DOTC.

At the ATO, public biddings for the acquisition of airport equipment are allegedly rigged. The bidder-firm that gives the highest —instead of the lowest—price for the procurement of ATO equipment gets the contract. Why? Because the favored firm is expected to give a chunk of its earnings in the project to some ATO officials.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the bidding to put up instrument landing systems (ILS) at the Davao City airport.

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An American firm, Airport Systems International Inc. (ASII), won the bid. But another firm, which lost in the bidding, might get the project.

The ATO has scheduled another public bidding for the same project apparently to favor the losing bidder, according to my sources at the DOTC.

It is apparent that ASII, not used to the hanky-panky of officials in Third World countries, did not come across after winning in the bid.

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No amount of pleadings from the ASII would budge ATO into awarding the project to the American firm, which has had previous dealings with the government.

No less than the US Embassy has complained in behalf of ASII to then Secretary Alvarez for the delay in the award of the project to the American contractor.

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This corner also exposed the raw deal received by the US firm from the ATO.

But the air transport office would not budge. Instead, it is pushing with its plan to hold a second bidding for the same project.

Ang kakapal ng mga mukha n'yo diyan sa ATO!

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The extension of the franchise of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor) by Congress is still a long way off—2004. But two opposition congressmen, Raul del Mar of Cebu and Alan Cayetano of Taguig, are now trying to rack up *"pogi"* points by questioning its extension.

They want to divide the House into pro-gambling and anti-gambling blocs.

If Del Mar is against gambling, why is *masiao*, the lucrative version of *jueteng* in the Visayas, thriving in Cebu and elsewhere in the South without him raising a peep?

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Cayetano contends that Pagcor should first consult with the local governments before putting up a casino in their places. This is being done; in fact, it's the SOP.

I'm neither pro nor anti gambling, but I notice that towns and cities where there are Pagcor casinos are among the most progressive places in the country.

Why? Because they get their share of casino income which is channeled to socio-economic projects in those localities.

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A non-gambler, I find nothing morally wrong with legal gambling. It's the gambler, not the game, that is to blame for gambling's reputed evil.

Even the local Catholic Church does not find anything wrong with Pagcor's casinos. Otherwise, why does it accept money from Pagcor for its various charities?

Pagcor is one of the government's highest revenue earners. But unlike other government agencies, graft and corruption at Pagcor is minimal, if it is there at all. People who transact business with Pagcor do not bribe its officials.

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For all the bad publicity about him in this country, Macau gambling magnate Stanley Ho is a very generous man.

Ho, who was to have gone into partnership with Erap crony Dante Tan, gives scholarships to poor but deserving Filipino students every school year before classes start.

I learned about this when somebody handed me a photocopy of a letter sent to Ho by Maria Zeneida Angara-Collinson, our consul general in Hong Kong.

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Collinson thanked Ho for donating this year Hong Kong $140,000 (about P980,000) to two scholars of the Philippine Promotion of Arts, Culture and Education Society (Paces) under its Paaral-Parangal program.

The two scholars are children of Filipinos working as domestics in the former British Crown Colony.

This year's recipients of the Stanley Ho Scholarship Award will study at the St. Louis University in Baguio City and the Lyceum of the Philippines in Manila.

Kidnapped boy rescued . . .

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According to police, suspect Hsia Shao Fong kidnapped Sy's son and wife Li Ja Yan sometime in August last year. Li apparently fell in love with the suspect, police added.

Even after Hsia was arrested seven months ago, Li still kept her son in the Sta. Cruz condo unit, police said.

Maganto said an informant told the authorities where the boy was being held.

Sy first accused Hsia of abduction. He later filed kidnapping charges against him before the NBI.

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the tipping fees, Fernando pointed out that "there was an offer made (to lower the tipping fees)," but stressed that this was just a "proposal."

"In the end, the MMDA will have to make the recommendation to the President," Fernando said.

Fernando also broached the idea of using the rail system of the Philippine National Railways to transport garbage to a sanitary landfill in southern Luzon.

Fernando, former mayor of Marikina City, revealed that he did a study on the garbage disposal by railway in 1986 and submitted this for the consideration of other Metro Manila mayors in the 1990s.

"We have to remember that the railway system passes through 13 of the 17 cities and municipalities in Metro Manila," he said.

He said the first thing he will do to solve the garbage problem is to look for a possible site for a landfill south of Manila "that is as large as Marikina itself."

He said he will talk to local officials in San Mateo, Rizal and Carmona, Cavite to see if it would be possible to open dumpsites in their areas.

In simple turnover rites yesterday morning, outgoing MMDA chair Abalos thanked the agency's employees who helped him through his term.

Another Korean killed, shot in Greenhills condo

By Nelson F. Flores

A KOREAN engineer was shot dead allegedly by his own boss in their rented condominium unit in San Juan early yesterday morning, police said.

Chol Ho Lee alias Michael Lee, of the Gold Land Plaza on Eisenhower Street in Greenhills, San Juan, died while undergoing surgery at the Cardinal Santos Medical Center, investigators said.

Lee suffered a gunshot wound in the head and right thigh, police said.

Policemen said they arrested Lee's alleged assailant, Steve Kim, his boss and fellow tenant, and found on him an unlicensed .9 mm. pistol.

Investigation showed that the shooting happened between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. yesterday.

Supt. Rodrigo Degracia, San Juan police chief, said it is still not clear why Kim shot Lee.

Police investigator PO2 Alric Macatugal said even Kim "does not know why he shot Lee." He said the suspect was still in a state of shock and only his lawyer was doing the talking.

Sources at the San Juan police station told the Inquirer that a love triangle could be the reason behind the killing. The source said Kim and Lee were good friends.

Police said Kim's Filipino domestic helpers were asleep when the shooting happened and were awakened only by the gunshots.

Degracia said his office was continuously updating the South Korean Embassy about the progress of their investigation.

Watchman shoots down testimony of colleague in Cabuyao massacre

By Luige A. del Puerto

IN A new twist in the investigation of the May 21 massacre of four people in Cabuyao, Laguna, the testimony of a major witness was shot full of holes by a colleague who swore the witness never came close to the crime scene because he was deep in sleep.

Barangay tanod Crispin Belizon, 44, testified he was with fellow watchman Donato Magpantay, who earlier told investigators he saw the killers as they came out of the house of the victims.

Based on Magpantay's testimony, the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) had arrested Jose "Jun" Bascon III, of Roseville Subdivision, Sta. Rosa, Laguna; Mario Caparas, of Tamis Compound, Banlik, Cabuyao; and Eduardo Cayaban, of Anahaw Homes, Dita, Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

The three are detained at the NBI cell on Taft Avenue in Manila. Multiple murder charges are being readied against them.

Mauro Amarante, 83, Corazon Aguilar, Luisito Aguilar, and Alicia Amarante, all residents of Barangay Marinig, Cabuyao, were brutally killed in the early hours of May 21.

Belizon said both he and Magpantay were inside the "model house" of Celestine Home Subdivision when gunshots awakened him.

"I woke up when I heard gunshots," Belizon told investigators. "Donato Magpantay was with me at that time."

He said Magpantay did not wake up. "He just continued to sleep in the floor." They left the house at about 6 a.m. that day, he added.

Belizon said they learned of the killing only when barangay chair Raymundo Francisco asked them as they went out of the subdivision: "Why, didn't you know that somebody got killed here? Where were you?"

They told him they were "at the office," Belizon said.

Belizon said the logbook had recorded their entry into Celestine Homes Subdivision at about 7 p.m., and their exit at 5:51 a.m. the next day.

Bascon, Caparas and Cayaban have already filed counter-affidavits. Magpantay claimed Caparas tried to "recruit" him to join the group because of his knowledge of guns (he used to be a soldier). Magpantay said he refused the offer and Caparas had threatened him against telling anyone about the "recruitment."

Magpantay said he met the suspects in a lawyer's office, but the lawyer said he didn't see Magpantay on the day the recruitment was supposed to have taken place.

NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco said the killings were a result of a business deal gone bad. He said one of the victims hired the gunmen to kill their other relatives "for P300,000" because of a land dispute.

Lawyer Danielito Q. Lalusis, head agent of the NBI Cavite district office, said the suspects were wearing ski masks when they went to the Amarante house on board a light colored L-300 van on May 21.

Armed with .45-caliber pistols, M16 and M14 rifles, they barged into the house and shot Mauro, Corazon and Alicia, who were on the second floor.

Luisito, who lived across the street, was also shot dead when he peeped through a window.

But Luisito's brother, Ludovico, also saw what happened. He is now a government witness, Wycoco said.

8 nabbed in school opening protest

By Philip C. Tubeza, Agnes Donato, and Tina Santos

EIGHT militant students from the Youth for Nationalism and Democracy who held a lightning rally in front of Malacañang yesterday were arrested and charged with breach of peace, illegal assembly and resisting arrest, police said.

Otherwise, the first day of classes yesterday in Metro Manila was generally peaceful, said the chief of the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO), Deputy Director-General Edgar Aglipay.

Arrested were identified as DJ Janier, 24, Momil Evangelista, 22, Rodel Blanco, 19, Jake Zamora, 20, Jomer Castro, 20, Fermin Regalado, 26, Veronica Cabe, 29, and a 15-year-old student.

They were protesting the education department's restructured basic education curriculum. When police arrived, they held on to each other but were arrested after a scuffle.

Besides the regular police force assigned to Metro Manila's five police districts, the National Capital Region Police Office deployed 1,700 policemen around the metropolis, Aglipay said.

He said he had ordered his men to cleanse the areas around schools of pickpockets, vagrants, and other petty criminals even as he warned that those who would be caught would be detained inside a "law violator's booth" for a maximum of nine hours.

These booths would be like the see-through detention booths for jaywalkers.

In Quezon City, a protest action against tuition increase by about 100 members of the Movement for the Advancement of Student Power (MASP) caused a minor commotion at the Technological Institute of the Philippines (TIP) in Cubao, according to authorities.

But peace and order was restored after student leaders dialogued with police.

MASP spokesperson Emmanuel Hizon said the protest was against the reported 15-percent tuition increase by TIP, and to call the attention of TIP president Teresita Quirino to the state of education in the country.

In northern Metro Manila, students had to contend not only with heavy traffic but also flooded streets and the lack of chairs, textbooks and other school materials in some public schools.

Caloocan Central School principal Abigail Ignacio attributed the lack of study materials to an increase in the number of students who transferred to public schools from private ones.

From 4,500 students last year, the number of students in Caloocan Central School increased by 1,500, said Ignacio. Teachers in Caloocan Central welcomed the new curriculum and regarded it as more effective than the previous curriculum, Ignacio said.

The ratio at Caloocan Central is 1 teacher for every 50 pupils, Ignacio said.

Even if a dispute is brewing over 40 hectares of land in Libis, Baesa between Caloocan and Malabon, classes opened without a hitch in schools standing on the contested property, according to an education official in Caloocan.

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BLINDED by tuition increase, TIP students rally in Quezon City.

Parents earlier expressed concern over reports that the Caloocan City government would pull out its facilities from the Baesa Elementary School-Libis Baesa Annex, along with its Local School Board teachers.

Caloocan Mayor Reynaldo Malonzo and Malabon Mayor Amado Vicencio are at odds over the disputed property, which became part of Malabon by virtue of Republic Act No. 9019.

High school freshman Shiela Salvador, 15, of Malabon, said she is already used to going to school in slippers because "flood is already a way of life for Malabon residents."

"I'm used to it," she said. "Nothing has changed. This would not be Malabon if there were no floods."

In Eastern Metro Manila, 800 policemen were deployed to provide security to students, according to Chief Supt. Rolando Sacramento, chief of the Eastern Police District. ***With Nelson F. Flores***

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3 SUPER B	3 MURDER BY NUMBERS 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30	3 MAGKAPATID	3 PANIC ROOM 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 11:00	3 MURDER BY NUMBERS
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	5 STAR WARS: EPISODE 2		5 DRAGONFLY 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 11:00	5 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
	6 A WALK TO REMEMBER			
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4 GOLD (DTS) STAR WARS
5 GOLD (DOLBY) A WALK TO REMEMBER
6 GOLD (SDDS) DRAGONFLY
7 GOLD (DOLBY) RESIDENT EVIL
8 SUPER B
9 MAGKAPATID
10 MAGKAPATID

Pearl Plaza Cinemas

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1 DISKARTE
2 MAMASAN
3 (DTS) I THINK I'M IN LOVE
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5
6 (DTS) KILABOT AT KEMBOT
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1 DISKARTE
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3 I THINK I'M IN LOVE

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2 MAMASAN
3 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
4 (DOLBY DIGITAL) SUPER B
5 MAGKAPATID

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1 CASS & CARY
2 MAMASAN
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4 MAGKAPATID
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(Makati City) TEL. 751-2010 TO 13

1 JUNE 18 & 19 "SUM OF ALL FEARS"

Center Plaza Cinema

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1 MAGKAPATID
2 STAR WARS

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1 SUPER B
2 MAGKAPATID
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Spring

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1 SUPER B
A MAGKAPATID

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1 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
2 SUPER B
3 MAGKAPATID
4 UTANG NI TATANG

GOTESCO CINEMA

Gotesco City
(Manila) tel 734.8588

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4 DISKARTE
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6 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
7 (DTS) SUPER B
8 (SDDS) MAGKAPATID
9 (DOLBY) UTANG NI TATANG

Gotesco Caloocan
tel 362.3508

2 DISKARTE

Gotesco Grand Central
(Caloocan) tel 364.3781

1 DISKARTE
2 MAMASAN
3 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
4 (SDDS) SUPER B
5 DISKARTE
6 (DOLBY) MAGKAPATID
7 (DTS) MAGKAPATID
8 CASS & CARY
9 KILABOT AT KEMBOT

Gotesco Commonwealth
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5 (SDDS) MAGKAPATID
6 DISKARTE
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8 I THINK I'M IN LOVE

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1 DISKARTE
2 MAMASAN
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4 SUPER B
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Universal

(Manila) tel 733.2470

1 MAGKAPATID

Sampaguita

(Cubao) tel 911.7888

1 DISKARTE

Dilson

(Manila) tel 734.7724

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Lords I THINK I'M IN LOVE
Jennet UTANG NI TATANG

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1 DISKARTE
2 MAGKAPATID
3 SUPER B

Prima

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Isetann Cinerama Complex Recto SUPER CINERAMA

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1 (DOLBY) DISKARTE
2 MAMASAN
3 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
4 MAGKAPATID
5 SUPER B

New Divisoria Mall DIVISORIA CINEMA

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1 UTANG NI TATANG
2 DISKARTE

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1 DISKARTE
2 MAMASAN

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Cinema 2000 Target Mall
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1 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
2 DISKARTE
3 (DTS) MAGKAPATID

Cinema 2000 Waltermart
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1 DISKARTE
2 (DTS) MAGKAPATID
3 (DOLBY) SUPER B
4 I THINK I'M IN LOVE

Cinema 2000 Pavilion Mall
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2 (DOLBY) MAGKAPATID
3 (DTS) DISKARTE
4 SUPER B

Cinema 2000 Cinemagix
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1 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
2 MAGKAPATID
3 PANIC ROOM
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Cinema 2000 MetroTown
(Tarlac) tel(045) 982.1729

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2 SUPER B
3 (DOLBY) PANIC ROOM
4 (DTS) MAGKAPATID

Lianas Cinema

(Alabang) tel 850.1276

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2 MAMASAN
3 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
4 (DTS) MAGKAPATID

Lianas MovieCity
(Calamba) tel (049) 545.7202

1 (DOLBY) DISKARTE
2 MAGKAPATID
3 (DTS) I THINK I'M IN LOVE
4 SUPER B
5 DEATH TO SMOOCHY

Olivarez Tri-Cinema

(Biñan) tel (049) 511.8883

1 MAGKAPATID
2 DISKARTE
3 I THINK I'M IN LOVE

Olivarez Los Baños
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1 MAGKAPATID
2 DISKARTE
3 I THINK I'M IN LOVE

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(Laguna City) tel (049) 531.4808

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2 MAGKAPATID
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12 DISKARTE

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8 SUPER B
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12 MAMASAN

SM CITY NORTH EDSA

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SM SOUTHMALL

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10 MAGKAPATID

SM CITY CEBU

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1 JIHAD WARRIOR
2 PANIC ROOM
3 40 DAYS & 40 NIGHTS
4 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
5 CASS & CARY
6 LIGAYA PANTASYA . . .
7 SUPER B
8 MAGKAPATID

SM CITY ILOILO

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1 JIHAD WARRIOR
2 CLOSED
3 40 DAYS & 40 NIGHTS
4 SUPER B
5 I THINK I'M LOVE
6 MAGKAPATID
7 CLOSED
8 PANIC ROOM

SM CITY PAMPANGA

7128015

1 MAGKAPATID
2 RESIDENT EVIL
3 MAMASAN
4 SUPER B
5 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
6 DISKARTE

SM SUPER CTR. SUCAT

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1 SUPER B
2 MAGKAPATID
3 DISKARTE
4 I THINK I'M IN LOVE

SM CINEMA GUADALUPE

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1 CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
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3 CLOSED FOR RENOVATION

SM CINEMA TUTUBAN

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1 DISKARTE
2 MAGKAPATID
3 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
4 SUPER B

SM CITY DAVAO

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1 PANIC ROOM
2 MAGKAPATID
3 DEATH TO SMOOCHY
4 SUPER B
5 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
6 JIHAD WARRIOR

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6 UTANG NI TATANG

Bacolod

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1 40 DAYS & 40 NIGHTS
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3 RESIDENT EVIL
4 DEATH TO SMOOCHY
5 PANIC ROOM
6 SUPER B

Iloilo

336- 8077 - 78

1 JIHAD WARRIOR
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3 I THINK I'M IN LOVE
4 SUPER B
5 PANIC ROOM
6 40 DAYS & 40 NIGHTS

Star Mills-

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Shangri-La's Lobby Lounge features nightly performers

WHILE Edsa Shangri-La's lobby is tranquil by day, it transforms into the ultimate party hotspot at night. Edsa Shangri-La continues to innovate the nightlife in the spirit of a relaxing and unique brand of entertainment.

On Fridays, "RJ Rocks the Lobby" attracts an average of 600 persons listening, reminiscing, singing and dancing their hearts out to music from the '60s to the present.

Once again, the Lobby Lounge sets the stage for today's most talented Filipino vocalists with a concert series starting June 19.

Every Wednesday from 8 p.m. to midnight, unwind to soothing music from balladeers Jeffrey Hidalgo or Niño Alejandro.

Jeffrey, former member of the cutting-edge musical sensation Smokey Mountain, has charted a string of hits such as "Lagi-Lagi," "Himig Kalayaan," "When I Met You," "Can This Be Love?" and themes from the movies "Flames" and "Magic Temple."

Jeffrey is now busy with concert questings, bar tours and TV hosting.

Niño Alejandro's successful debut album, "I Can Give You," earned for him an Awit Award for best new male artist in 1996. Years of band experience from Simple People and Boys Unlimited turned him into an all-around musician well-versed in playing the piano, lead guitar, bass and drums.

The Ang-4 quartet is composed of seasoned performers Dyords Javier, Isay Alvarez, Bimbo Cerrudo and Pinky Marquez.

Isay earned honors for the country through international theater. She played "Gigi" in the original West End version of "Miss Saigon," and has entertained in Europe including command performances for the royalty.

Talented soprano and stage actress Pinky Marquez starred in the local productions of famous musicals such as "Flower Drum Song," "The Diary of Anne Frank," "Sound of Music," "Magnificat," "Katy" and many more.

Bimbo Cerrudo, blessed with cool, solid baritone, top-billed sold-out concerts around the globe. His training in classical music allows him to interpret any tune from opera to contemporary pop.

Dyords Javier's relentless pursuit of worthwhile projects led to the birth of Ang-4. Dyords does everything from starring in movies to TV hosting to stand-up comedy to scriptwriting to singing.

The Ang-4's fusion of individual styles and vocal prowess allow them to delight the audience with a wide range of repertoire consisting of '80s disco music, Motown and Broadway medleys, plus hits from Sinatra, Kalapana, Bread, Teri de Sario, The Platters and many more. The grop also renders OPM medleys and Filipino love songs.

The Ang-4 performs at the Lobby on Thursdays, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Powerful belter Jinky Llamanzares is the ideal "treat" for a Saturday nightcap. She played memorable theater roles in the international scene, like the Acid Queen in "Tommy" and Gigi in "Miss Saigon."

The former member of the Music Making Company has received citations in the country and also in Canada and Japan.

For inquiries and reservations, call Edsa Shangri-La's Lobby Lounge at 633-8888, extensions 2738 or 2739.

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ALI MALL CINEPLEX-5 (DTS)	MAGKAPATID
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-6 (DOLBY)	MAMASAN
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-7 (DOLBY)	A WALK TO REMEMBER
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REMAR-2	MAMASAN
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CINEMA-7	CASS & CARY
CINEMA-8	MAGKAPATID
CINEMA-9 (DTS)	KILABOT AT KEMBOT
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CINEMA-3	MURDER BY NUMBERS
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CINEMA-5	A WALK TO REMEMBER
CINEMA-6	A WALK TO REMEMBER
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(LAS PINAS)	
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CINEMA-2	
CINEMA-4	
UNIWIDE COASTAL MALL	
(PARANAQUE)	
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CINEMA-2	THE OTHER SIDE OF LOVE
CINEMA-4	ALAMID

POWER PLANT CINEMA
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MAGKAPATID - GP 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50	A WALK TO REMEMBER - GP 12:10, 2:25, 4:40, 6:55, 9:10	A WALK TO REMEMBER - GP 1:10, 3:25, 5:40, 7:55, 10:10

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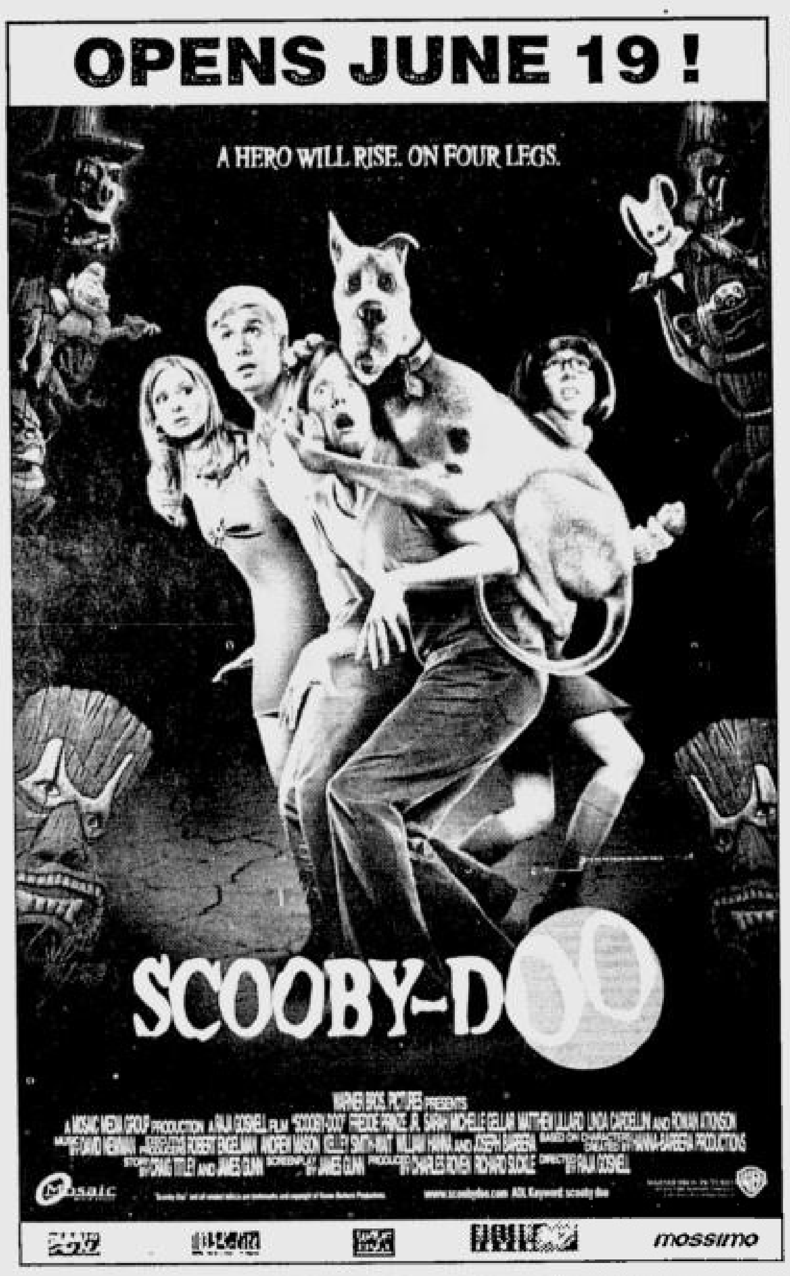

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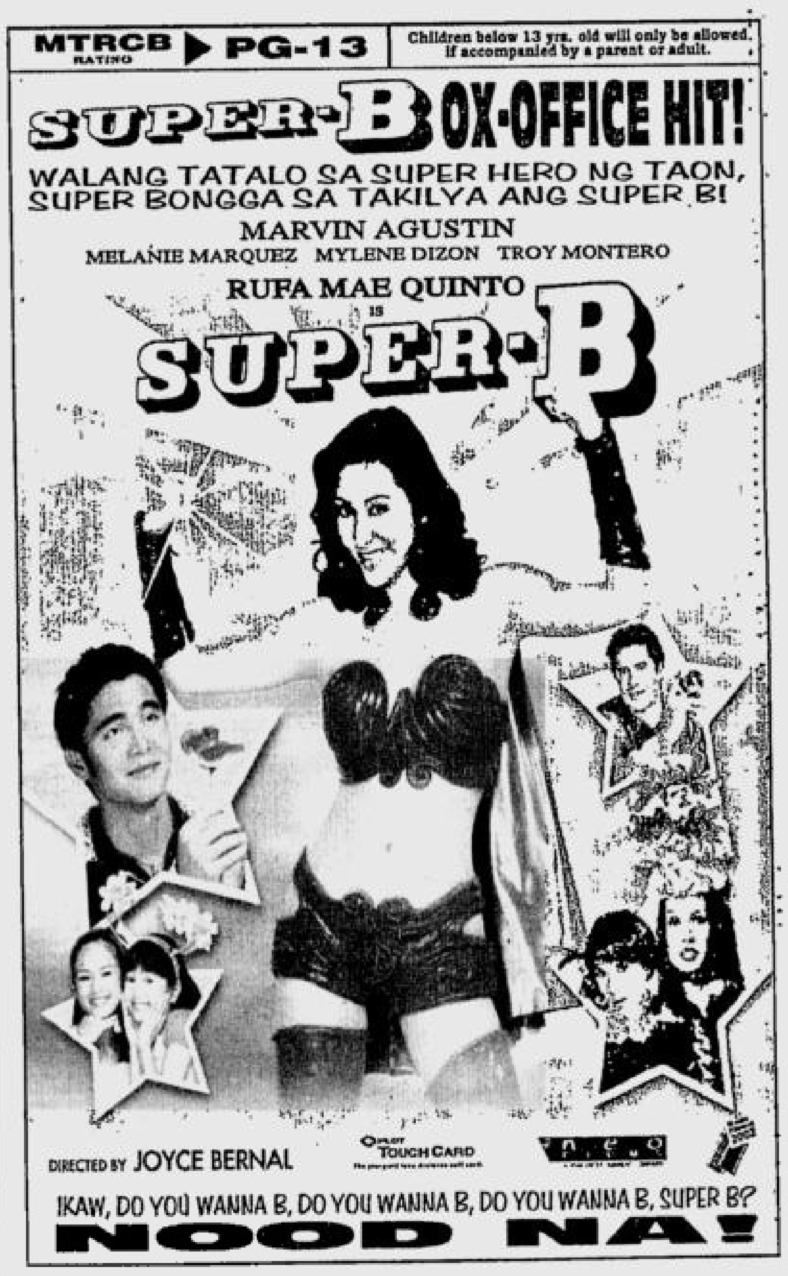

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Nestor U. Torre

HOST: With such advanced equipment made available by the United States, how come the military was still unable to capture or kill the head of the terrorists?

Guest: Well, it does not follow. All equipment still has its limitations, no matter how sophisticate.

(Huh?)

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Host: But the public really wants to know, why were the terrorists allowed to escape, despite so many military troops in the area?

Guest: Well, it was not hard for them to do that, because they were not in the right dress for the jungle.

(*Ano daw?*)

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Host: A follow-up question refers to the presence of the Americans.

Guest: In what way?

Host: Well, why did the operations fail despite the presence of American horses?

(Shades of the Wild, Wild West!)

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Host: What happens now?

Guest: What do you mean?

Host: Well, now that there are no more hostages but the terrorists have escaped, what happens next?

Guest: Well, pursuant to the instruction of the president, the military is still pursuing the pursuit operations.

(That's a lot of pursuing!)

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Host: How long have you known each other?

Guest: Since childhood, we've been friends already.

Host: But now, your relationship has changed, from friends to sweethearts?

Guest: Yes!

Host: The logical question is, what made you realize that there's something to it than more?

(*That's* supposed to be a logical question?)

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Host: I thought you were with (name of starlet).

Guest: Yes, but we broke up *na.*

Host: Why, what happened?

Guest: Well, I found out she's carrying an affair with our producer!

(*Ay*, carrying!)

Their first films

FIRST films usually set career paths for actors, who often find it difficult to get away from the screen image that their initial movies have imprinted on the public's consciousness. For example, **Marilyn Monroe** struggled between different studios in insignificant roles, until "The Asphalt Jungle" (1950) established her "voluptuous sensuality," which was surprisingly combined with a bruised, lonely, waiflike quality that contrasted nicely with her sexy allure.

In France, **Brigitte Bardot** followed suit as another sex icon, this time in the less graphic (and less guilty) European mode. Discovered by **Roger Vadim**, whom she ended up marrying, she was seductively "unveiled" on the big screen by her husband in his directorial debut, "And Woman Was Created" (1950).

The film and its nubile, young star launched a look that redefined sex appeal and inspired dozens of imitators. Bardot was cited for her "nonchalant nudity, kittenish and childlike appearance, and uninhibited sensuality."

In Italy, **Gina Lollobrigida** made full use of her curvaceous figure and sensuous lips to entice European moviegoers in the early '50s with movies like ``Elisir d'Amore," before getting Americans' avid attention in ``Beat the Devil" and ``Trapeze."

As for **Sophia Loren**, she also had to go the topless route in Italian quickies and sleazies, before Hollywood beckoned and she could keep her shirt on in more light films that co-starred her with estimable stars like **Cary Grant**, **Frank Sinatra** and **Marcello Mastroianni**.

Due to her talent, which asserted itself in her later movies, Sophia was able to get away from her sexy image, unlike many of her contemporaries. She was even cited for her performance in "Two Women," which won her a best actress Oscar in 1960.

Even as a mature and gifted actress, however, Loren is perceived as a glamorous and sexy woman, as indicated by the "passionate" cameo role she played a few years ago in **Robert Altman**'s "Pret-A-Porter."

Which only goes to show that original screen images hardly even die, they simply mutate into more mature versions of the original.

Weekend box-office goes to the dogs

LOS ANGELES—"Scooby-Doo," where are you? Well on top of the weekend box office.

The big-screen update of the Hanna-Barbera cartoon, starring Matthew Lillard, Freddie Prinze Jr., Sarah Michelle Gellar, Linda Cardellini and a computer-animated Great Dane, took in $56.4 million to debut as the No. 1 film, according to industry estimates Sunday.

"The weekend really went to the dogs," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "In these trying times, what could be more escapist than 'Scooby-Doo,' which is so fun and lighthearted?"

Matt Damon's "The Bourne Identity," a spy thriller about a deadly amnesiac agent, opened in second place with $27.5 million.

"Windtalkers," starring Nicolas Cage and Adam Beach in a drama about Navajo Indian codetalkers in World War II, premiered a weak third with $14.5 million.

The espionage tale of Damon's buddy Ben Affleck, "The Sum of All Fears," slipped to fourth place after two weekends as the top film, taking in $13.5 million and pushing its 17-day total to $84.5 million.

The industry continued its upward trend, with the top 12 movies grossing $160 million, nearly 25 percent higher than the same weekend a year ago. Revenues for 2002 are running about 22 percent ahead of the record $8.4 billion last year.

"Scooby-Doo" was one of Hollywood's few successes in adapting a TV cartoon to the big screen. "The Flintstones" did well, but the prequel "The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas" was a commercial dud.

Other recent cartoon adaptations flopped, including "Josie and the Pussycats" and "The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle."

"Scooby-Doo is a character that obviously reaches a much wider audience than most cartoons," said Dan Fellman, head of distribution for Warner Bros., which released "Scooby-Doo." "The audience was Scooby fans from 8 to 80. We had kids, we had adults. We had everybody."

Playing in 3,447 theaters, "Scooby-Doo" averaged an impressive $16,368 a cinema.

"The Bourne Identity" averaged a healthy $10,425 in 2,638 theaters and "Windtalkers" did a so-so $5,003 in 2,898 locations.

Adapted from Robert Ludlum's best seller, "The Bourne Identity" established Damon as a legitimate action leading man. The actor has tended toward straight drama or ensemble films.

Action films usually have stronger male appeal, but distributor Universal said the audience for "Bourne Identity" was evenly split between men and women.

Many were drawn to the film "because of the story. It's a well-read book," said Nikki Rocco, head of distribution for Universal. Rocco said the appeal for women was more straightforward: "I think it's Matt Damon."

"Windtalkers" was the latest commercial misfire for MGM, whose recent flops include "Hart's War" and "Rollerball."

"Did they choose to take their kids to 'Scooby-Doo' and will get to 'Windtalkers' later? From the people who did come to 'Windtalkers,' we got good word of mouth, so that's our hope," said MGM head of distribution Robert Levin.

In limited release, a new three-hour cut of the Italian favorite "Cinema Paradiso" took in $27,000 at three theaters in New York City and Los Angeles. The longer cut expands to more cities over the next two weekends.

Following are the estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

1. "Scooby-Doo," $56.4 million.
2. "The Bourne Identity," $27.5 million.
3. "Windtalkers," $14.5 million.
4. "The Sum of All Fears," $13.5 million.
5. "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood," $9.8 million.
6. "Star Wars: Episode II: Attack of the Clones," $9.2 million.
7. "Spider-Man," $7.4 million.
8. "Bad Company," $6.1 million.
9. "Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron," $5.5 million.
10. "Undercover Brother," $4.6 million.

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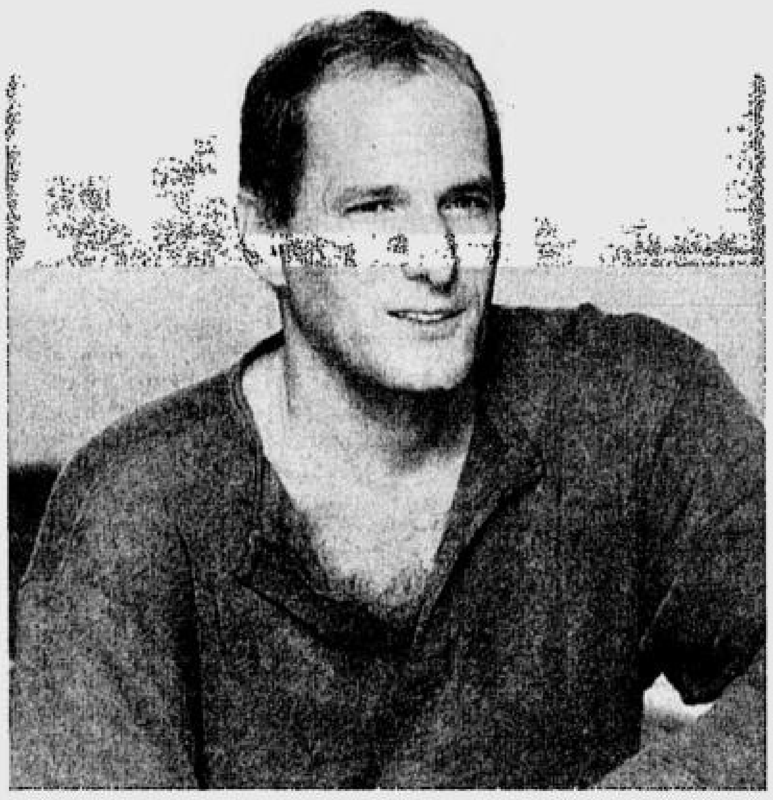

BOLTON'S LATEST

Michael Bolton is out to create another major musical impact with his latest album, "Only A Woman Like You," his Jive label debut released in the country by Universal Records. The title track is the first single, which has a music video now being seen on MTV and other music channels. Bolton's musical career is nothing short of phenomenal. He has sold more than 52 million albums worldwide, has won two Grammys and has been nominated four times for best pop vocal performance. Among his memorable hits are "How Am I Supposed To Live Without You," "When A Man Loves A Woman" and "Said I Loved You, But I Lied."

Spirits Malate opens

ANOTHER hot nightout will shine in the glittering constellation of bars in the hottest night strip in town.

But Spirits Malate Coyote Bar is not just an ordinary nightspot. It promises to surprise and excite even the most jaded Malate denizens and glitterati.

Spirits has its reputation to speak of. It is the hottest night-spot in Baguio, the country's summer capital.

Now, Manila people do not have to go far to experience the party atmosphere and electric air that Spirits is known for.

Expect fun, wild dancing and a blazing night as Spirits Coyote Bar Malate holds its grand opening tomorrow night, Wednesday, June 19.

Located at the corner of Nakpil and Jorge Bocobo Streets, Spirits is at the strategic place in the trendy area of the Malate night strip.

Get ready for a howling night as female bartenders make their rounds and perform choreographed numbers, as they serve favorite drinks. It will be wild and hot, reminiscent of the film, "Coyote Ugly."

The structure of Spirits is a refurbished old house, retaining the atmosphere and heritage of the area.

Spirits boasts a spacious area, varied party music and a sumptuous menu.

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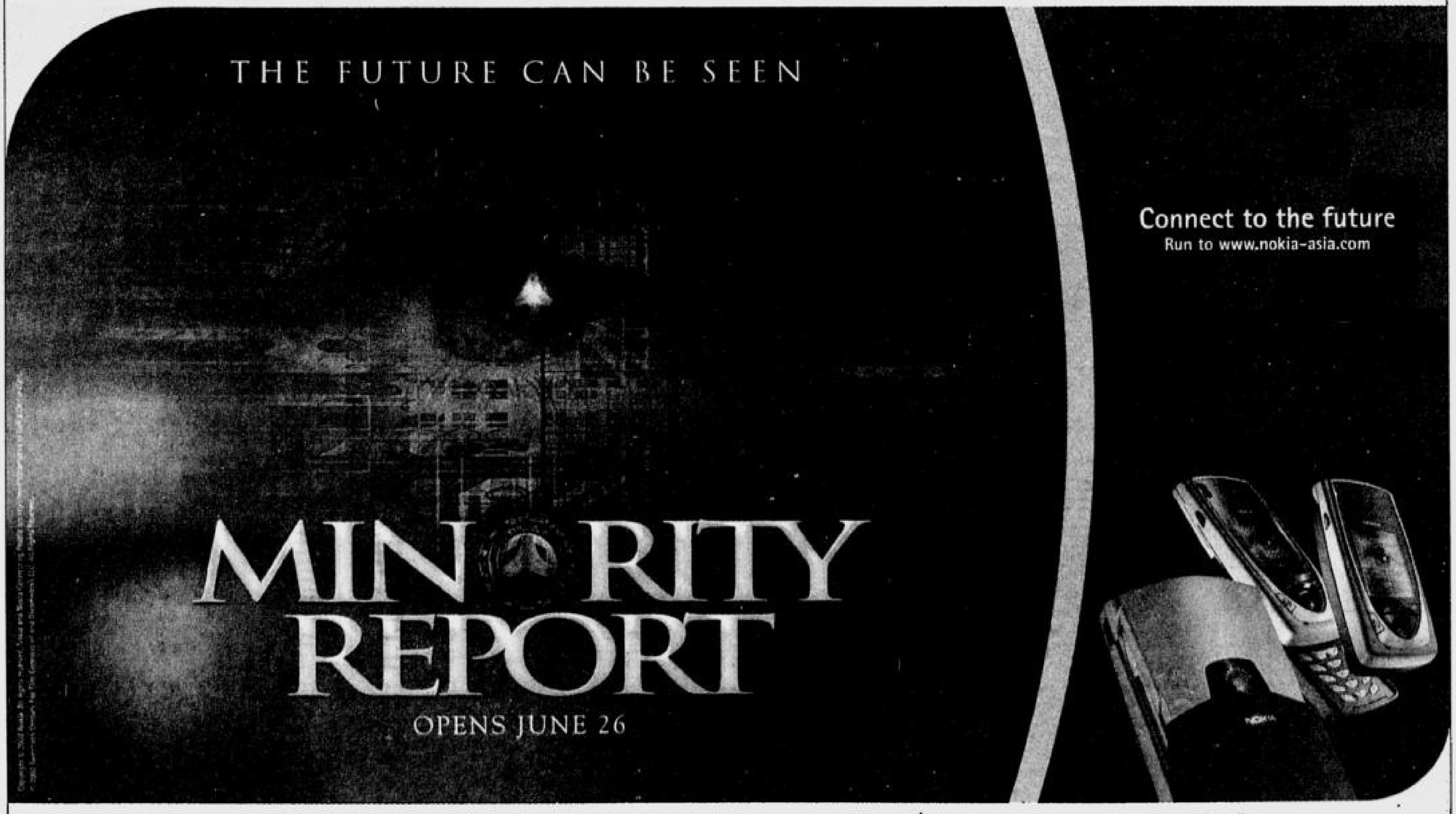

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ENTERTAINMENT

Editor **Louie C. Camino**

Charlie Sheen, Denise Richards marry in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—Charlie Sheen, one of Hollywood's best-known bachelors, has married actress Denise Richards, his publicist said.

Sheen and Richards were wed Saturday night at the home of producer Gary David Goldberg in Los Angeles, publicist Tracy Shaffer said Sunday.

It was the 36-year-old actor's second marriage and the first for his 29-year-old bride.

The couple wore custom-made Giorgio Armani designs. Richards dressed in a white satin gown with a plunging back; Sheen wore a two-button tuxedo.

Richards has appeared in the films "Wild Things," "Starship Troopers" and the current "Undercover Brother." She met Sheen while shooting the independent film "Good Advice" in 2000.

They began dating after Richards did guest spots on the sitcom "Spin City," which stars Sheen.

Sheen's film credits include "Platoon" and "Wall Street." He is the son of actor Martin Sheen of NBC's "The West Wing."

Elton John tour

ERFURT, Germany—Elton John paid tribute to the victims of a deadly April school shooting in this city by holding a concert whose proceeds will help care for those affected by the tragedy.

"We cannot play the music without thinking of why we are here tonight," John told a sold-out crowd of more than 7,500 packed into a concert hall in Erfurt for the latest stop on the German leg of the British star's "Songs from the West Coast" tour.

Robert Steinhaeuser, a 19-year-old loner who had been forced out of the school the previous fall, fatally shot two students, 13 teachers and a police officer in a 20-minute rampage April 26 at Johann Gutenberg Gymnasium before turning the gun on himself.

"This is our tribute to those people. We're very proud to be here and we hope we can do justice by playing our very best," John told a cheering audience at the beginning of Sunday's two-and-a-half hour performance.

Crowe case

SYDNEY—The trial of two men accused of attempting to extort money form Oscar-winning actor Russell Crowe was adjourned for two days Monday, so prosecutors can finalize their case and to ensure enough potential jurors are available.

Crowe, believed to be shooting a film in Mexico, was not present for Monday's scheduled start of the trial at Coffs Harbour District Court.

Crowe, whose movie credits include "Gladiator" and "A Beautiful Mind," owns a cattle ranch in the rolling hills outside Coffs Harbour, an upscale resort town in eastern Australia.

Philip Antony Cropper, 36, and Malcolm Brian Mercer, 37, are charged with trying to extort money from Crowe in exchange for destroying a security video. They face a maximum sentence of 10 years if convicted.

The video allegedly shows Crowe in an altercation outside a Coffs Harbour nightclub in 1999.

Cropper's lawyer, Paul King, said he wanted to subpoena Crowe. *AP*

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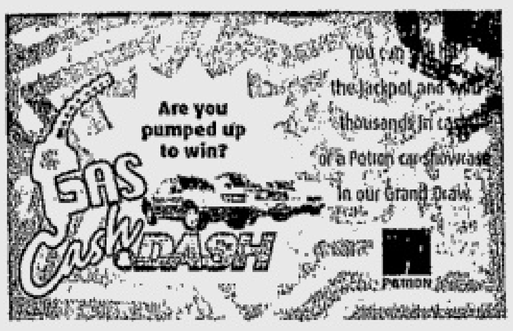
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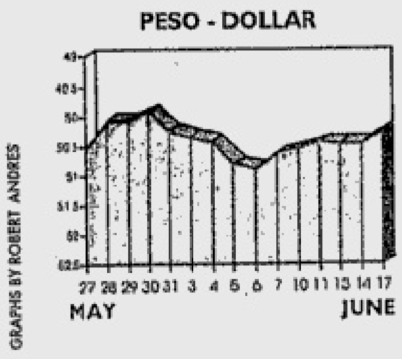

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By Clarissa S. Batino

THE GROWTH in money supply slowed down to 6.7 percent in April to P1.57 trillion from an expansion of 8.4 percent the previous month as credits extended by the entire system including banks and pension funds continued to contract despite a gradually improving economy.

Despite the slowdown in the growth of domestic liquidity, a measure of money supply in the system, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas said it was inclined to keep the banks' reserve requirement stable at 16 percent.

Monetary authorities would likely keep banks' mandatory deposits with the central bank at 16 percent as there continued to be sufficient liquidity in the system to spur economic growth.

Reducing banks' mandatory deposits to the BSP's vaults would only flood the system with more cash that would not be useful, said a central bank official.

"The slowdown in the growth in domestic liquidity can be attributed in part to the softness in net domestic credits despite recent signs of improvement in economic activity," the BSP said in a statement.

Credits even to the public sector contracted by 2.8 percent year-on-year as banks looked for alternative investment outlets when treasury bill yields went down to record lows in April. Much of the credits to the public sector were actually purchases of government securities.

The loans to private sector declined by 3.8 percent in April compare to a year ago.

"The decline in domestic credits was mitigated in part by the expansion in the net foreign assets of the monetary system consisting of the BSP and the commercial banking system," the BSP said.

Banks increased their investments in dollar-denominated bond issues of the government including the BSP. The government and its agencies had floated $3.7

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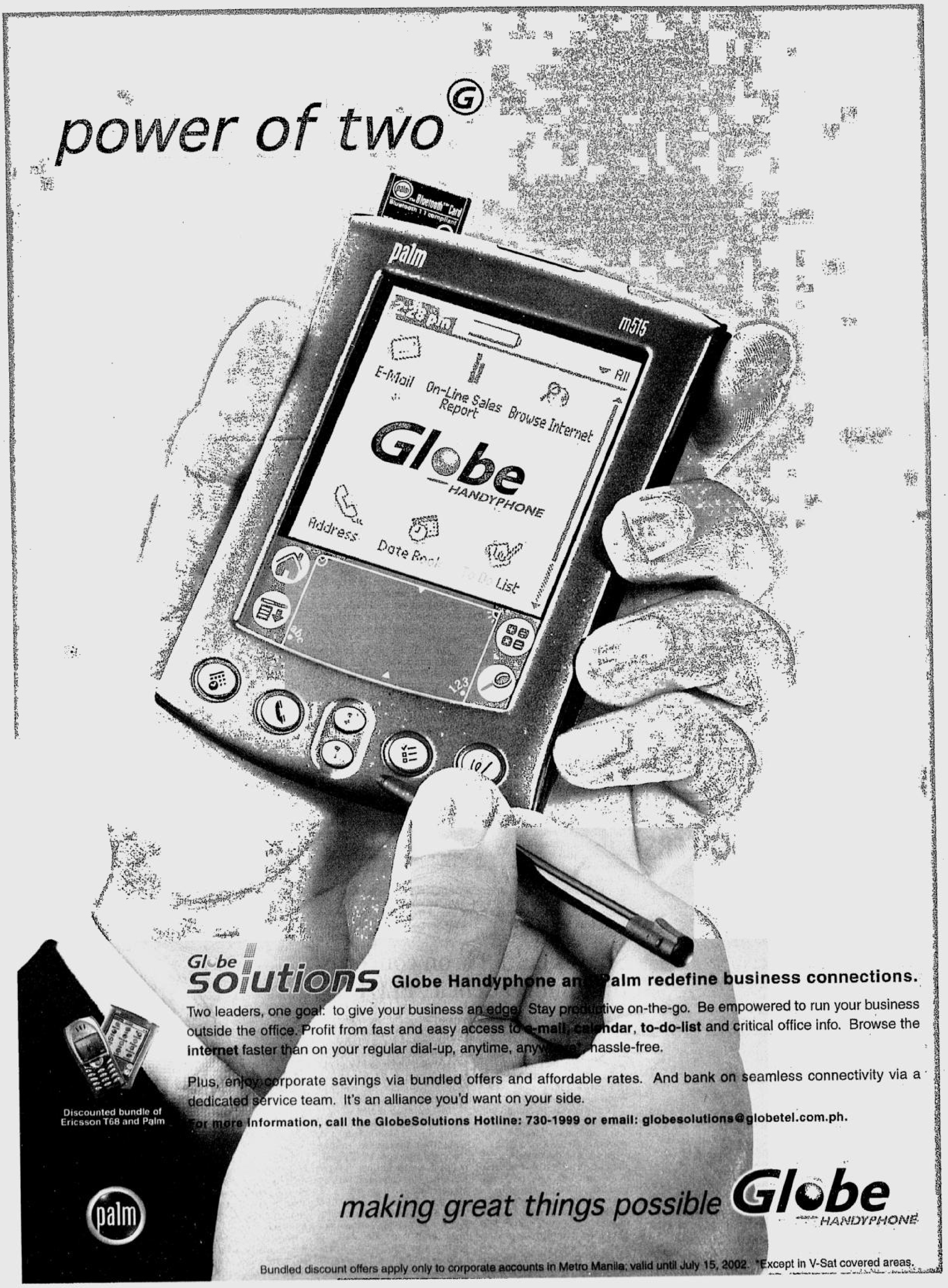

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Power plea

BREAKTIME

Conrado R. Banal III

MANY of my contacts in business sent me text messages on the cellular telephone last Sunday, which happened to be Father's Day—i.e. male parent and not priest, although it's hard to distinguish between the two nowadays.

"Hoy!" they all said with all due respect. "After you are done washing the clothes and cleaning the house," they also said, with a tiny little hint of reverence, or some words to that effect, "what is the latest on the PLDT takeover?"

The latest on that is, well, it is turning into an ugly power play. It seems to me the power play is taking place in Hong Kong at the head office of First Pacific. It features Manuel Pangilinan, CEO and president of PLDT, and a certain Michael Healy.

Michael who? Not related to Michael de Mesa or Michael V, Healy is the COO of First Pacific, and from what I gather, nobody actually ever heard of him, except perhaps the discarded coffee maker in the kitchen of First Pacific.

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ANYWAY, all of a sudden, local media is printing a lot of statements from Hong Kong. All of the reports carry personal attacks against Pangilinan. They all quote also just a single source: Michael "who?" Healy.

The attacks from Michael "who?" suggest to me a power play. Surprisingly, it is not between Pangilinan, CEO and executive chair of First Pacific, and Anthony Salim, who is now running the Salim group, the biggest stockholder of First Pacific.

By the way, that makes Pangilinan the boss of Michael "who?"—come to think of it. I don't know if that's the practice in Hong Kong, but anywhere in the world, if you kick your boss in public, you better have another job waiting.

Still, Pangilinan and Salim have been together for the past 20 years. I think the bond between them has gone beyond the professional level. It must be a personal thing by now. That's why neither of them say anything bad in media about each other.

After 20 years, as my father used to say, if somebody has been with a company that long, he would surely know where the bodies had been buried. He could always do a Chavit. You know—make chavit, *este, sabit* the boss.

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MEANTIME, a word from our sponsor, the IMF, the International Monetary Fund. The IMF says we—meaning, the Philippines, including politicians who will do anything just for *"pogi"* points, like selling their mothers-in-law—must be careful about the PPA.

This cute administration of Gloriaetta already caved in to political pressure. The government suspended the PPA charges in our electricity bills. The IMF thus warned us—meaning, this cute administration—on such an abrupt cut.

The IMF talked about "balance." On the one hand, the government must bring down our power rates, which are the second highest in Asia. On the other, it must take care to give investors in power generating plants a fair shake.

Or else, the IMF warns, investors will no longer come here, when the country needs more supply of electricity in the future. A dependable supply of electricity will be denied to all of us, meaning, all the guys who iron clothes on weekends.

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TODAY, due to an oversupply, we pay even for electricity we don't use. That's the PPA. The oversupply will be gone in four years, or by 2006. What do we do then, if all the power producers get burned in their investments here? Get power from our armpits?

There is a need to make a sacrifice now, definitely, because we just cannot walk away from all the IPP contracts. This move, nevertheless, is gaining ground in business. Other countries did it. They include such favorites of the West as Thailand and India.

The argument goes like this. Those IPPs expected the glut in power generation. So they had to recover their investments much faster than usual simply by overpricing. This, as the thinking goes, is one reason why we have high electricity rates.

Okay, fine, let's review the contracts and renegotiate the most lopsided ones. But let's also pay attention to the point that the IMF just raised. We have to do a delicate balancing act. We can't just walk away from all the IPPs. Just a few of them!

For the sake of our menfolk, I'm sure they don' t want to iron clothes using charcoal. For one, it's too messy. The old-style iron is also hard to adjust for the right temperature for ironing silk, for instance. Then what happens? They get 40 lashes.

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BUT back to Michael "who?" and his barrage of criticism against Pangilinan, particularly the latter's management competence and business strategy. Reports said Michael "who?" said that Pangilinan made a terrible mistake in investing in the Philippines.

Michael "who?" has a unique ability for deep analysis, using his talent called hindsight. He also didn't have any prominent role in First Pacific before this PLDT takeover came about. He must be the chief mechanic of the Gokongwei takeover bid.

The takeover must have given him an opening to rise in power in First Pacific. For years, poor Michael "who?" worked under the shadow of Pangilinan and other top executives of First Pacific. Michael "who?" is—are you ready for this—an accountant.

He was never really known in and out of First Pacific as a dealmaker. Yet he now thinks he can talk with authority about First Pacific's selling out in the Philippine and then going into China, Thailand and Indonesia. Who said accountants are plain?

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THIS Michael "who?" must be familiar with China. His former colleagues tell me he does not have business connections there. As we all know, doing business in China is like trying to get hold of a waiter in Hong Kong to ask for water. It is highly complicated.

That is the man who will conquer China for First Pacific. Or even Indonesia. This is where the Salim group made it big. In effect, Michael "who?" will depend on the Salims. What value does he then add to the business table is still anybody's guess.

In all those reports, Michael "who?" accuses Pangilinan of "bias" for the Philippines. Michael "who?" says, in effect, it's too bad that Pangilinan has his heart in the Philippines. Why else does Pangilinan want to keep the investments here?

And that's how this accountant proposes to make the PLDT takeover deal acceptable to the Filipino people: by going on a PR campaign and media blitz and saying that the Philippines is no good?

No, I don't think it's a power play. Hearing Michael "who?" lamenting to media, it sounds more like a power plea. Somebody's begging, here, man!

SEC says Gokongwei not yet off the hook

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission said yesterday that the Gokongwei group would have to make a full disclosure of its joint-venture deal with Hong Kong-based First Pacific Co. Ltd., which plans to pare its telecom and property investments in the Philippines.

Tycoon John Gokongwei Jr. faces a monetary penalty of P100,000, plus P10,000 per day of delay if he fails to disclose information on the joint venture with First Pacific.

"It's time to go into an issue not when it has been nailed down but when it is in the process of being nailed down. We are not preventing them. We just don't want them to do it the wrong way," a ranking SEC official said on condition of anonymity.

Citing securities rules, SEC director Justina Callangan asked Gokongwei in a letter dated June 6 to disclose the members of his group involved in the joint venture and the provisions of the memorandum of agreement he struck with First Pacific.

A source from the Gokongwei camp said, however, that the SEC had no jurisdiction because the group had yet to decide which companies under the conglomerate would participate in the joint venture.

On June 5, the Gokongwei group announced it had entered into an MOA with First Pacific for a joint venture that would own First Pacific's controlling 24.47-percent stake in PLDT and a 50.4-percent stake in Metro Pacific Corp.'s main asset, Bonifacio Land Corp.

John Gokongwei, founder of a Manila-based business empire which has interests in food, airlines, petrochemicals, property and telecommunications, signed the deal in his personal capacity.

The Gokongweis, who control conglomerate JG Summit Holdings Inc., said they would pay $616 million for two-thirds ownership of a joint venture with First Pacific.

The Philippine Stock Exchange said it could not order the Gokongwei group to disclose since it was not a listed entity.

Doris C. Dumlao

Shares fall 1.1% on concerns over budget deficit , PLDT

SHARE prices fell 1.1 percent yesterday in lackluster trade due to a lack of fresh leads and concerns over the government's widening budget deficit, brokers said.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index shed 14.94 points to close at 1,250.81.

Turnover rose to 350.88 million shares worth P408.03 million from Friday's 196.45 million shares worth P335.70 million.

"In general, the concern is still the budget deficit and the economic situation," Joseph Roxas, president of Eagle Equities Inc.

The International Monetary Fund last week warned the Philippines to rein in its budget deficit to meet its growth targets this year.

Official figures show the deficit in the four months to April has topped P82.9 billion, overshooting government forecasts.

Concerns that the Gokongwei family's takeover bid of market heavyweight Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. would be a long-drawn affair also weighed on sentiment, brokers said.

"Investors are seeing a lot of troubles involving PLDT," said Manny Cruz at Mark Securities Corp. "The market was seen testing the minor support at 1,242 points, pulled down by declines in PLDT and other blue chips, and with no new exciting developments."

PLDT fell P12.50 to P397.50 while B shares of Manila Electric Co. shed P2 to P34. Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co. fell 50 centavos to P36, while Ayala Land Inc. inched up 10 centavos to P6.10.

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of Monday, June 17, 2002)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	20.00	20	20	20	1,003,000
Bank of the Phil. Islands	54.00	54	52.5	52.5	486,800
China Banking Corp.	640.0	640	640	640	40
Citystate Savings Bank	14.25	14.25	14.25	14.25	2,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	36.50	36.5	36	36	266,100
Philippine National Bank	38.00	38	35	36.5	48,700
Security Bank Corp.	14.00	14	14	14	700
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Bankard Inc.	1.30	1.3	1.3	1.3	7,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	1360	1360	1355	1355	2,340
Sun Life Financial Serv.	1085	1085	1080	1080	810
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	26.00	26	25.5	25.5	12,900
Digital Telecom Phils. Inc.	.6600	.66	.66	.66	1,200,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	640.0	640	640	640	3,340
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	2.85	2.9	2.85	2.85	32,000
Piltel	.3600	.38	.36	.36	1,130,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel. Co.	407.5	415	397.5	397.5	134,050
Ivantage Corp.	.4000	.4	.4	.4	100,000
Philweb.com Inc.	.0160	.016	.015	.016	10,600,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. "A"	23.25	23.5	23	23	3,200
Manila Electric Co. "B"	36.00	36	34	34	411,600
Petron Corp.	1.72	1.74	.17	1.7	2,093,000
Salcon Power Corp.	1.62	1.62	1.6	1.6	112,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.		1.16	1.16	1.16	1.16
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Int'l Container Term'l Sv	2.44	2.5	2.4	2.42	812,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.		.3400	.4	.34	.4
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Lorenzo Shipping Corp.	.3800	.38	.3	.3	340,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Phil. Nat'l Const. Corp.	3.05	3.05	3.05	3.05	10,000
Republic Glass Hldg. Corp.	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.72	50,000
Union Cement Corp.	.7000	.7	.7	.7	960,000
FOOD,BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	2.38	2.38	2.38	2.38	67,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	13.75	13.75	13.5	13.75	5,761,300
La Tondeña Distillers Inc.	34.00	34	33.5	33.5	536,600
RFM Corp.	1.08	1.08	1.06	1.06	1,369,000
San Miguel Corp. "A"	48	48.5	48	48.5	68,200
San Miguel Corp. "B"	56	56	55	55	24,500
HOLDING FIRMS					
Ayala Corp.	5.7	5.7	5.5	5.6	1,409,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	2.34	2.34	2.34	2.34	116,000
Ajo.net Holdings Inc.	.25	.25	.25	.25	680,000
A. Soriano Corp.	.54	.54	.54	.54	10,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	2.6	2.6	2.55	2.6	150,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	.51	.51	.5	.5	2,100,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	.1	.1	.1	.1	200,000
Crown Equities Inc.	.27	.27	.27	.27	210,000
Southeast Asian Cement	.05	.05	.05	.05	200,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	.185	.185	.185	.185	750,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.26	1.26	1.24	1.26	225,000
Fil-Hispano Holdings Corp.	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	4,000
First Phil Holdings Corp.	22.75	23	22.75	23	59,100
Global Equities Inc.	.125	.125	115	.115	200,000
Ionics Inc.	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.6	300,000
JG Summit Holdings Inc.	1.68	1.68	1.64	1.64	72,000
Jollivile Holdings Corp.	1.28	1.28	1.28	1.28	10,000
Keppel Phil. Holdings	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.26	1,000
Marsteel Cons Inc. "A"	.014	.014	.014	.014	1,000,000
Megaworld Corp.	.78	.78	.78	.78	300,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	.33	.33	.3	.3	4,130,000
Solid Group Inc.	.33	.33	.33	.33	250,000
Tanduay Holdings Inc.	3.95	3.95	3.95	3.95	1,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc	.22	.22	.22	.22	100,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION, TRADING					
Interphil Labs Inc. "A"	.66	.66	.66	.66	10,000
Metro Alliance Holdings	.33	.33	.33	.33	50,000
Metro Alliance Holdings-B	.36	.36	.36	.36	30,000
Matsushita Elec Phil Corp.	5	5	5	5	5,000
Pryce Corp.	.075	.075	.075	.075	1,000,000
SPI Technologies Inc.	9	9	9	9	10,000
HOTEL, RECREATION AND OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	.37	.38	.37	.37	260,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	.47	.47	.47	.47	660,000
Leisure and Resorts Corp.	.28	.28	.28	.28	100,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (PDR)	25.50	26	25.5	25.5	888,900
Equitable PCI Bank-War	.1600	.16	.16	.16	30,000
Globe Telecom Hldg (PDR)	800.0	800	800	800	70
PLDT (10% Prep) Series U	10.50	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,200
PLDT (10% Prep) Series W	10.75	10.75	10.75	10.75	100
PLDT 10% Prep Series AA	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	600
PLDT 10% Prep Series BB	10.50	10.5	10.5	10.5	3,000
OTHERS					
Far Eastern University	450.0	450	450	450	410
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	6.20	6.4	6.1	6.1	11,082,000
CityLand Development Corp.	2.00	2	2	2	1,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	.3000	.3	.3	.3	20,000
C & P Homes Inc.	.2200	.22	.21	.21	1,780,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	.3300	.33	.33	.33	330,000
Empire East Land Inc.	.2500	.25	.25	.25	610,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	2.50	2.55	2.46	2.46	5,666,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	.2200	.22	.22	.22	260,000
MRC Allied Ind. Inc.	.0850	.085	.085	.085	600,000
Phil. Realty and Holdings	.0500	.05	.05	.05	200,000
SM Development Corp.	.8700	.87	.82	.82	60,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	5.605.6	5.5	5.51,157,000		
Universal Rightfield Prop	.0500	.05	.05	.05	100,000
MINING					
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	1.32	1.32	1.32	1.32	76,000
Itogon-Suyoc Mines Inc.	.0350	.035	.035	.035	3,000,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	.2050	.205	.205	.205	130,000
Lepanto con. Mng. Co. B	.2000	.21	.2	.21	410,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	.0046	.0046	.0046	.0046	7,000,000
Omico Corp.	.0032	.0032	.0032	.0032	6,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	.2500	.25	.25	.25	100,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	.2800	.28	.27	.27	350,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	.0140.014	.014	.0142,000,000		
Interport Res. B	.0032	.0032	.0032	.0032	9,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	.0032	.0034	.0032	.0032	84,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	.0032	.0034	.0032	.0034	49,000,000
The Philodrill Corp. A	.2300	.235	.15	.16	710,000
The Philodrill Corp. B	.2300	.2	.14	.14	30,000
Sinophil Corp.	.0400	.04	.04	.04	400,000
South China Resources Inc.	.2500	.25	.25	.25	10,000
Vulcan Ind'l	.1600	.16	.16	.16	300,000

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June 17, 2002

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United States	Dollar	1.056747	1.000000	50.3830
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Switzerland	Franc	0.677706	0.641313	32.3113
Canada	Dollar	0.683890	0.647165	32.6061
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Euro	Euro	1.000000	0.946300	47.6774
Argentina	Peso	0.301928	0.285714	14.3951
Brazil	Real	0.389083	0.368189	18.5505
Denmark	Kroner	0.134410	0.127192	6.4083
India	Rupee	0.021597	0.020437	1.0297
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.278092	0.263158	13.2587
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Syria	Pound	0.020619	0.019512	0.9831
Taiwan	NT Dollar	0.031163	0.029490	1.4858
Venezuela	Bolivar	0.000888	0.000840	0.0423

Money supply . . .

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billion worth of borrowings from November 2001 to May 2002.

The central bank also said that lower interest rates led to lower debt payments and reduced the pressure on the foreign exchange. This translated to gains in the country's net foreign assets, the BSP said.

The central bank pointed out that excess capacity of the manufacturing sector contributed to a sluggish credit activity as of April. As of March, the average capacity utilization stood at 75.6 percent.

"At the same time, banks' lending activity has been constrained by their need to contain any possible build-up in non-performing loans that stood at 18.23 percent in April," the BSP added.

The central bank noted that the industry registered a growth of only 1.9 percent in the first quarter although the gross domestic product grew by 3.8 percent and the gross national product improved by 4.9 percent.

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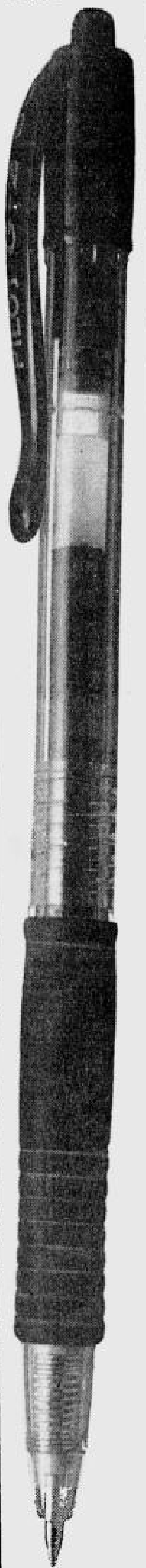

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BAGUIO COUNTRY CLUB	700,000	740,000
CALATAGAN GOLF CLUB A/B*	75,000	95,000/105,000 *
CAMP JOHN HAY	280,000	300,000
CANLUBANG	500,000	-
CAPITOL HILLS	-	115,000
CELEBRITY SPORTS CLUB	175,000	190,000
EAGLE RIDGE A/B*/C**	620,000 **	350,000/450,000*/700,000 **
EVERCREST A/B*	135,000 *	150,000
FONTANA D/C*/B**	-	90,000/150,000*/250,000 **
FOREST HILLS A/B*/C**	210,000/250,000 **	230,000/260,000 **
MAKATI SPORTS A/B*	250,000/260,000 *	270,000/280,000 *
MANILA POLO CLUB	2.8 M	2,900,000
MANILA SOUTHWOODS A/B*	630,000	650,000/750,000 *
METROPOLITAN A/B*	-	120,000/125,000 *
MIMOSA IND/C2*/C3**	120,000/200,000*/275,000 **	185,000/225,000*/300,000 **
MT. MALARAYAT A/C*	-	350,000/625,000 *
ORCHARD A/B*/C**	300,000/320,000	230,000/350,000*/425,000 **
PUERTO AZUL	100,000	125,000
QUEZON CITY SPORTS CLUB	200,000	230,000
RIVIERA A/B*	-	195,000/400,000 *
ROCKWELL CLUB		450,000
ROYALE TAGAYTAY A/B*/C**		90,000/150,000*/180,000 **
SHERWOOD HILLS A/B*/C**	-	130,000/250,000*/150,000 **
STA. ELENA GOLF CLUB A/B*	-	1.75M
SUBIC BAY IND/CORP.*	290,000 *	200,000/300,000 *
TAT FILIPINAS GOLF A/B*	-	350,000/550,000 *
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4. CALATAGAN GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "A"	100,000	80,000
5. CAMP JOHN HAY	300,000	250,000
6. CANLUBANG GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	600,000	550,000
7. CAPITOL HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	120,000	
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10. CLUB FILIPINO	210,000	190,000
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13. EVERCREST GOLF CLUB "A"	100,000	
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15. FOREST HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "B"	280,000	
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17. MAKATI SPORTS CLUB "A"		250,000
18. MAKATI SPORTS CLUB "B"	280,000	280,000
19. MANILA GOLF CLUB (IND.)		10,500,000
20 MANILA POLO CLUB		2,800,000
21. MANILA SOUTHWOODS GOLF CLUB "A"	650,000	620,000
22. MANILA SOUTHWOODS GOLF CLUB "B"	750,000	700,000
23. METROPOLITAN CLUB "A"	100,000	80,000
24. METROPOLITAN CLUB "B"	150,000	
25 MT MALARAYAT GOLF CLUB (IND.)	350,000	
26 ORCHARD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "A"	220,000	200,000
27 ORCHARD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "B"	250,000	
28 ORCHARD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "C"	370,000	300,000
29. QUEZON CITY SPORTS CLUB	230,000	210,000
30. RIVIERA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "A"	200,000	
31. RIVIERA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "B"	250,000	210,000
32. STA. ELENA GOLF CLUB "A"	1,800,000	
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35 TAGAYTAY MIDLAND		
36. VALLE VERDE COUNTRY CLUB	170,000	150,000
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BSP to allow banks to sell insurance policies

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas yesterday said it would finally allow commercial and universal banks to sell financial products of their subsidiaries, such as insurance policies and shares in mutual funds.

BSP Deputy Governor Alberto Reyes, however, said the banks would be required to inform their clients that these financial products are not deposit substitutes or forms of deposit.

This means that the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp. would not cover these financial products in case the subsidiaries encounter difficulties in meeting payment obligations.

Commercial and universal banks have been asking the BSP to allow them to sell these non-traditional banking products for some time to shore up their earnings, which have declined due to low interest rates and rising level of non-performing or bad loans.

The BSP, however, initially denied the request after banks and investment houses collapsed in 2000 due to the pretermination of deposits and placements.

Depositors of the closed Urbank Bank Inc., for instance, complained that they were made to believe that what they were buying from the bank were deposit substitutes covered by the PDIC.

"We now want to make sure that the banks fully inform their clients of what exactly they are putting their money into and that these are not deposit substitutes," BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura said in an earlier interview.

Buenaventura said there was no stopping the trend of commercial and universal banks selling non-core products because of the merger of banks and insurance firms, especially in the United States.

DTI-DOTC JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 002 SERIES OF 2002

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE & INDUSTRY PHILIPPINES

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS

SUBJECT: REVOKING DTI-DOTC JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 001, SERIES OF 2002, SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROCEDURE ON THE ACCREDITATION AND AUTHORIZATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSION TESTING CENTERS (PETCs)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 21 of R.A. No. 8749, otherwise known as the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999, the Department of Trade and Industry is mandated to accredit private emission testing centers (PETCs); and the Department of Transportation and Communications, to authorize duly accredited PETCs;

WHEREAS, by virtue thereof, the Department of Trade and Industry and the Department of Transportation and Communications issued JAO No. 001, Series of 2002, Subject: Clarification on the Implementation of the Procedure on the Accreditation and Authorization of Motor Vehicle Emission Testing Centers;

WHEREAS, in order to address varied concerns ensuing from the dearth of applications for accreditation, DTI and DOTC subsequently issued JAO No. 001, Series of 2002, Subject : Clarification on the Implementation of the Procedure on the Accreditation and Authorization of Motor Vehicle Emission Testing Centers (PETCs);

WHEREAS, due to the sudden surge of applications thereafter, allegations of flaws in the applications of the rules and in the procedures for pre-qualification, the DTI created the Ad Hoc Committee to review the whole process under JAO No. 001, Series of 2002;

WHEREAS, the DOTC Secretary, Pantaleon Alvarez, assured the DTI of his full support and cooperation in the creation of the Committee tasked to review the process;

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee submitted its findings that the pre-qualification of applications was tainted with serious irregularities which compromise the integrity of the accreditation process, thus, it is imperative for DTI to undertake remedial measures and corrective actions to restore the integrity not only of the pre-qualification process but the accreditation process as a whole;

WHEREAS, the Committee recommended that anent the flaws in the process and the irregularities in its implementation, nullification of the pre-qualification process under JAO No. 001, Series of 2002 is imperative under the premises;

WHEREAS, the Committee observed that certain provisions of DTI-DOTC Administrative Order No. 001, Series of 2002, particularly the fourth (4th) fifth (5th) and sixth (6th) provisions, are not in consonance with DTI-DOTC Joint Administrative Order No. 001, Series of 2001; and

WHEREAS, the DOTC and the DTI, after reviewing the Ad Hoc Committee's report, have adopted and approved its recommendations to ensure the integrity of the accreditation process for private emission testing centers so as to achieve the goals of the Philippine Clean Air Act.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power vested with the undersigned signatories, the DTI-DOTC Joint Administrative Order No. 001, Series of 2002, is hereby, REVOKED. As a consequence thereof, the original guidelines for Accreditation and Authorization of Motor Vehicle Emission Testing Centers remain in full force and effect, pending the issuance of additional set of guidelines that will ensure transparency and fairness in the accreditation process by the DTI.

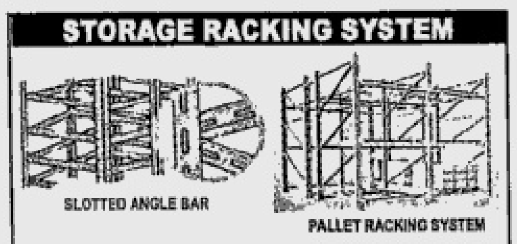
This shall be valid and binding upon signing thereof, and shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

11 June 2002, Makati City.

APPROVED:

(Sgd.) MANUEL A. ROXAS II
Secretary, DTI

(Sgd.) PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ
Secretary, DOTC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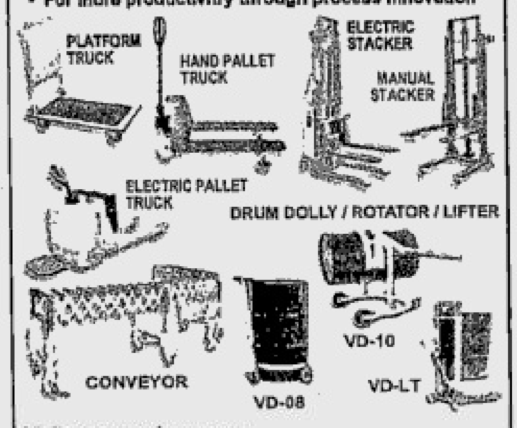
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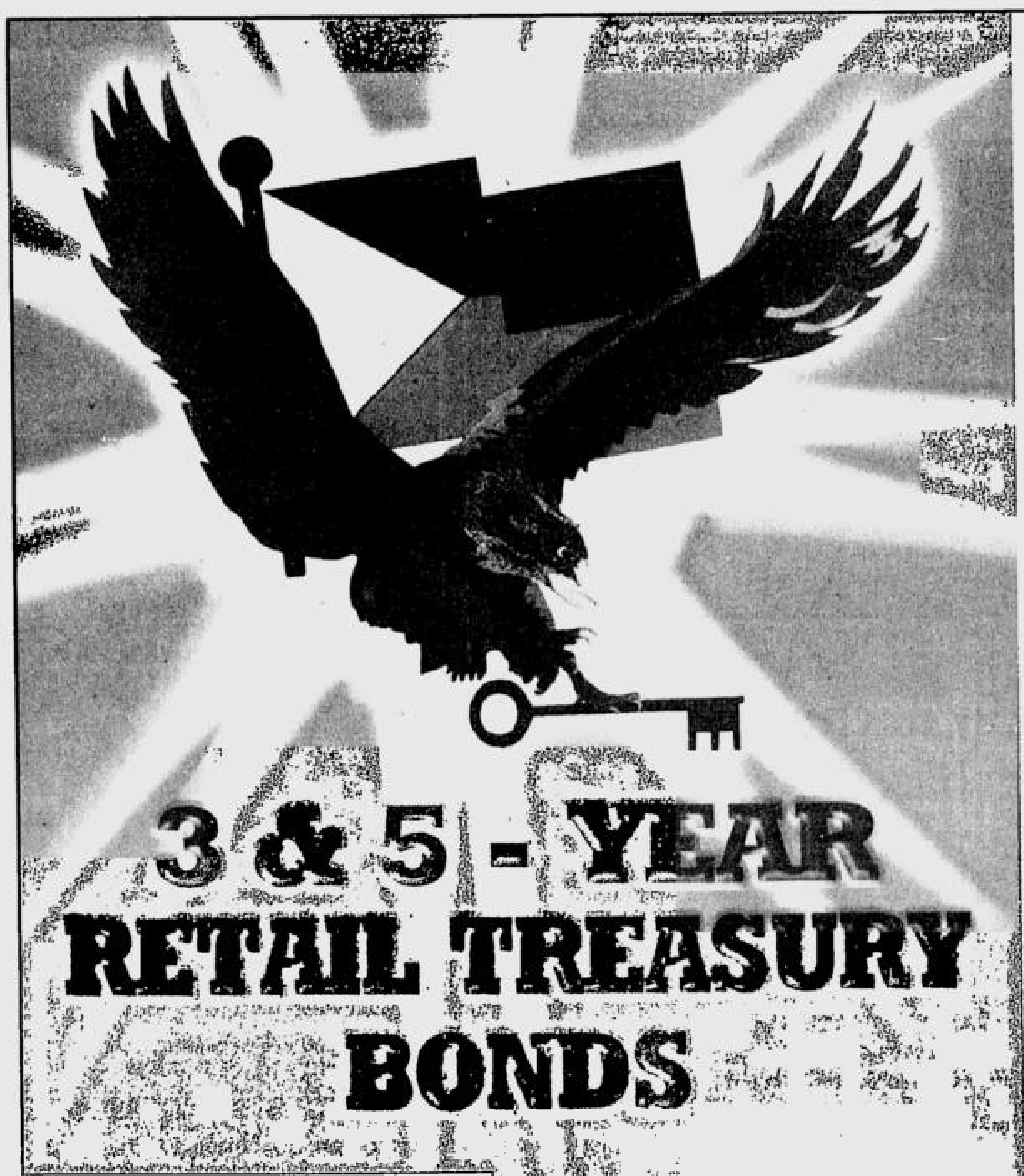

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BEFORE magazines and paperbacks made favorite tabletop reading materials at bedtime, as little girls and boys we had our own collection of bedtime classics to enjoy with Mom, or Dad. Far better off than counting sheep were the timeless tales of "The Three Little Pigs", "Jack and the Beanstalk", "Thumbelina", "The Frog Prince", "The Ugly Duckling", "Goldilocks and the Three Bears", and more.

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Though a 24-hour Cartoon Network or Disney Channel may come as an attractive alternative to storybooks, Family Reader recognizes the importance of this enduring culture with its special bedtime story section. This age-old bedtime habit not only develops a child's interest for good books and instills a creative and colorful imagination. It likewise strengthens the bond between the child and his parents.

For more than two years now, after spending fun-filled bedtime moments with the kids and their parents, Family Reader gives readers and budding writers a chance to weave their own tales in Family Reader's Dreamweaver, a bedtime story writing and illustration contest.

It's your turn to tell the tale. The contest is open to all talented writers and illustrators, either as a team or individual, under the following categories: the Grade School Story Writing and Illustration Level for students in the 6th and 7th grade, the High School Story Writing and Illustration Level, which is open to all high school students, and the Adult Story Writing and Illustration Level, which is open to all college students and adults. Earlier slated for May, the contest has been extended to June 28 so as to grant the requests of several participants.

An individual may choose to do both writing and illustration. Writer and illustrator teams, however, should be limited to only one writer and one illustrator per team. Application forms from schools or from Family Reader magazine must be submitted with only one entry per participant or participating team with an endorsement from school authorities. All entries must indicate the name of the author and his illustrating partner.

The theme for all entries is "Family Togetherness in Modern Times". All story entries must be typewritten or printed on short bond paper, single-spaced and with a maximum of 10 pages. This should be supported by three illustrations using any medium (oil, watercolor, charcoal, etc). Deadline for submission of story and illustration entries is on or before June 28.

Six finalists per level will be selected for the initial screening, among which only four entries per level will be declared as winners. Winners will be notified by telephone or mail and awarded in special rites. Finalists and winning entries will be exhibited in a leading mall in Metro Manila.

For more details, call Ria Yap at 633-4785, or log on to www.ivegotstyle.net for online nomination.

INDIAN EMBASSY SUPPORTS FOOD EXPO

The Indian Embassy will send its delegation of exporters through Apeda (www.apeda.com), Ministry of Commerce, Government of India in the most successful F&B event of 2001, The World's Food & Trade Expo. Slated this Aug. 2 to 4 at the World Trade Center, the event brings together the best food and beverage products from around the world. The inclusion of Baker's Fair brings together all segments of the bakery industry, from ingredients to finished products, from manufacturing equipment to display showcases. A Taste of the Expo is the country's major culinary competition for professionals. FoodMach 2002 showcases the latest technologies available in processing, manufacturing, packaging and handling of the food and beverage industry. For inquiries, call Premier Events Plus Group Inc. (PEPGroup) at 436-4711-12, 436-4898, 929-7993/63. Shown, left, is the Trade Councilor of India Rahul Chabra with Randy Manaloto (middle) of PEPGroup and RK Boyal, general manager of Apeda.

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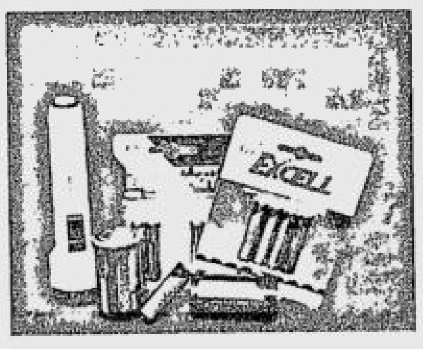

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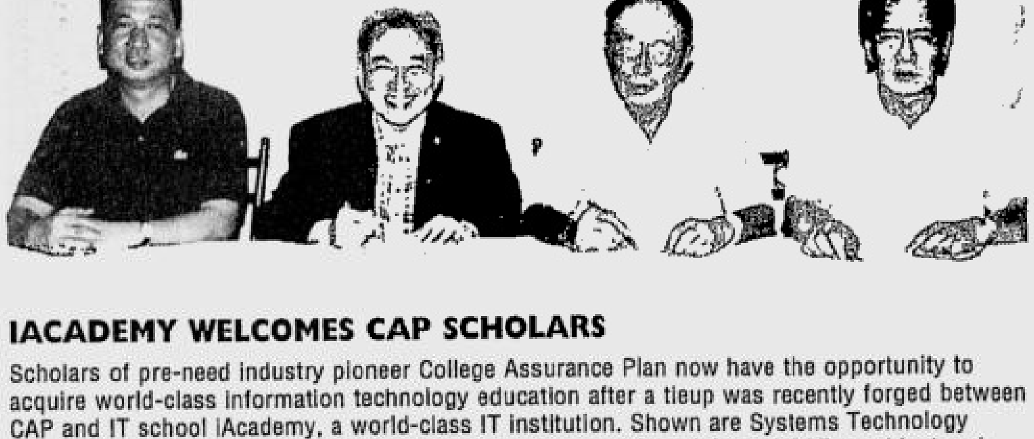
UNIONBANK STOCKHOLDERS' MEET

At the recent annual stockholders meeting of UnionBank of the Philippines, chair and CEO Justo A. Ortiz (5th from left) underlined the bank's goal of becoming one of the top three universal banks in the Philippines by 2010. Ortiz also reported a net profit in 2001 of P1.1 billion, 32 percent higher than the previous year after increasing total reserves for losses by P535 million. With him are other bank officers (from left) directors Juan Antonio Bernad and Erramon Aboitiz, vice chair Jon Ramon Aboitiz, president and COO Victor Valdepeñas and lawyer Fe Macalino.



IACADEMY WELCOMES CAP SCHOLARS

Scholars of pre-need industry pioneer College Assurance Plan now have the opportunity to acquire world-class information technology education after a tieup was recently forged between CAP and IT school iAcademy, a world-class IT institution. Shown are Systems Technology Institute (STI) and iAcademy chair Eusebio Tanco (second from left) and CAP president and CEO Enrique A. Sobrepeña Jr. (second from right) signing the agreement. Also present during the event were CAP SVP Jaime Dizon (left) and CAP FEVP Jose Montoya (right).

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Cebu Pacific, named as the official airline of the 26th National Milo Marathon will fly guests, officials and organizers to various destinations where regional races will be held. The 26th National Milo Marathon, the longest existing running event in the country, will kick off in Davao City on July 7. Shown during the contract signing are (from left) Angelica Umall, Milo brand manager of Nestle Philippines Inc., Liza Henson, product development manager of Cebu Pacific, Jackby Jaime, Milo sports executive of Nestle Phils., and Weng delos Santos, product development assistant manager of Cebu Pacific.

The real powers of feng shui

THE HIGH cost of living, that once-in-a-blue-moon wage increase, a persistent illness and a slew of other menacing diseases, and natural calamities. As disheartening as these may sound, we know that these are as real as the backs of our hands. Things and events like these are not new to us. In fact, we have learned to live with it.

But what if someone told you something could be done about these? Wouldn't it be good to live better than how we do right now? Would you not love it if you could live your life with as little obstacles as possible? Aren't you going to do everything just to find out how to season your life with prosperity and good health, your career with advancement and success? Wouldn't it make a big difference in your life if you could prepare yourself for a personal mishap or tragedy you know is coming your way?

Here's good news for all readers. An expert intends to raise and enliven your hopes for a better life.

According to master Ehbbo Rubio, such misfortunes and distressing events happen because the country is in between bad luck and poverty as a result of the "El Fectus Phenomenon," a sign that everyone has to suffer the consequences of everybody else's actions—a prelude to the coming of the "Creator."

He asserts, however, that we could avoid these dire consequences if we possess enough strength to discover the efficient "antidote" to misfortunes.

Master Ehbbo is an expert in feng shui. But unlike other so-called feng shui experts, he will reveal for the first time the mystical fields of his expertise. Master Ehbbo is offering his solutions to all your problems. Call him at 427-8042 or 0919-7039633 and look for Jocel.

New way to check obesity bared

ACCORDING to the International Obesity Task Force, there is a reliable and more effective way of determining if one person is overweight, or obese. Body mass index (BMI) is used to measure excess weight. BMI is a person's weight in kilograms divided by his height in meters square. According to the task force, generally a BMI of less than 25 means a person is healthy; 25 to 29.9 means that a person is overweight; 30 or more means that a person is obese.

A study of the World Health Organization revealed that the risk of developing life-threatening illnesses such as type 2 diabetes and coronary heart disease increases progressively as BMI increases from 20 to 30. Overall death rates nearly double as BMI increases from 25 to 32. The amount of fat and its distribution in the body is linked to the risk of morbidity and mortality. People whose fat is concentrated in the abdomen are more likely to develop health problems associated with excess weight.

The task force emphasized the importance of correct weight loss and weight management program. Studies have shown that a weight loss of 5 to 10 percent of total body weight is sufficient to produce significant health benefits. Also, a major study involving over 5000 physicians and 15,000 overweight men and women has confirmed that the weight loss drug Xenical (orlistat) can really support physicians by helping their patients in their battle to lose weight. The average weight loss with Xenical after seven months of treatment was approximately 11 percent of total body weight—with participants losing around three inches from their waist measurement.

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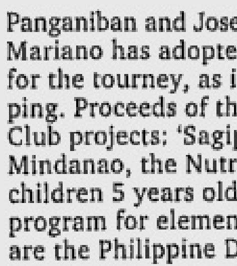
BITS & Clips

Aerial seeding

CERTEZA

TACTICAL aerial seeding reforestation operations (Oplan Tasro) of the Reserve Airlift and Tactical Support Group (RATSG) of the PAF will be launched on June 19 at Bagabag, Nueva Vizcaya. A project of Col. Rene V. Certeza, group commander of RATSG, it aims to reforest by utilizing its air assets by dropping seeds from the air to reach mountainous and inaccessible areas in the least possible time. The project is in partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the provincial governor of Nueva Vizcaya.

Testimonial golf tourney



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THE ROTARY Club of Metro Sta. Mesa, Rotary International District 3780, announces the launching of the first PP Justice Turing Buena Testimonial Golf Tournament on June 23 at the Camp Aguinaldo Golf Course. Invited to do the ceremonial tee-off is former President Fidel V. Ramos at 6:30 a.m. Joining Ramos are golf enthusiasts from the Rotary Clubs of District 3780. Justices Rey Puno, Leo Quisumbing, Art Panganiban and Jose Melo. Tournament director Gen. Manny Mariano has adopted the Double Peoria Handicapping System for the tourney, as it is the most equitable method of handicapping. Proceeds of this fund-raising project will go to three major Club projects: 'Sagip Paa at Kamay' for the injured combatants in Mindanao, the Nutrition Project to address the malnutrition of children 5 years old and below, and 'Balik Eskwela', a tutoring program for elementary students. Major sponsors for the event are the Philippine Daily Inquirer, Fortune Tobacco, and San Miguel Corp.

EMB director graces confab

ENVIRONMENTAL Management Bureau director Julian Amador and Bureau of Working Conditions director Forter G. Puguon are set to deliver keynote messages at the Lopez Group's First Environment, Safety and Health (ESH) Convention on June 20 at the Via Mare Penthouse, Ortigas Center. This year's theme is "ESH as a Strategic Component in Achieving Business Excellence". The highlight of the event is the recognition of the Management Assessment and Rating System (Mars) awardees for 2001 by Oscar M. Lopez, chair of the Lopez Group of companies. Sponsored by the First Generation Holdings Corp. (First Gen), the ESH convention aims to celebrate the accomplishments of each company in keeping an environment-friendly establishment, as well as a health and safety-conscious labor force. Peter D. Garrucho Jr., president of First Gen, will open the convention. Simultaneous technical sessions and technical product seminars will be held.

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(PDI-June 18, 25 & July 2, 2002)

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **DENNIS S. ISIDRO** was extrajudicially settled among his heirs as per Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver (Doc.No. 109, Page No. 19, Book No. V, Series of 2002 of Notary Public Andres C. Villaruel,Jr. of Quezon City)
(PDI-June 18, 25&July 2,2002)

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **MARCY B. GOLDSTEIN** executed an extrajudicial settlement of estate with waiver of rights for condominium units covered with CCT Nos. 3149 and C-3148 on May 30, 2002 Per Doc.114; Page 24; Book 1; Series of 2002 of Atty. **MARIE JOY T. ABANGAN**
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In the event of a failed bidding for want of bidders or lack of an acceptable bid, the unsold lots shall be re-auctioned the next succeeding business day at the floor price reduced by 20%.

Sale Lot No.:	Description:
21 Lots Abandoned/Forefeited items/ Under Litigation	As listed below Container Nos. as listed below Conditions, if any; as is where is - Location: CIP Complex, Cebu City

	Articles	Consignee	Floor Price
1)	1 x 40' Container Various Used Hospital Equipment (Container No. CAXU465887-9)	Mr. Leonardo Chiu	P 131,681.00 AP No. 08-2000
2)	1 x 40 Container No. HJCU7100049-4 - Various White Lawaan Lumber 16,853.33 bd ft.	LRI/Kingdom Resources Corporation	P 134,827.00 ONDA April 3, 2002
3)	1 x 40 Container No.EMCU928020-8 - Various used Truck Replacement Parts	W. Wesley International Trading	P 292,117.00 AP No. 09-2000
4)	1 x 20 Container No. YMLU251879-6 - Various used Medical Equipment and Supplies	VISCOM 7	P 56,625.00 ONDA April 3, 2002
5)	1 x 20 Container No. ICSU490890-3 - Various used Appliances & Household Goods	Ms. Soledad Eastman	P 141,130.00 ONDA April 3, 2002
6)	1 x 20 Container No. APLS296188 - Various used Empty Cylinders	Cebu Fortune Gas	P 690,838.00 ONDA April 3, 2002
7)	1 x 40 Container No. APLU 993623 - Various used Household Appliances	Garam Philippines, Corp	P 142,619.00 AP No. 13-2000
8)	1 x 40 Container No. CSTU881422-5 804 sets of used Electrical Appliances	Garam Philippines, Corp.	P 158,610.00 AP No. 14-2000
9)	1 x 40 Container No. EISU116195-1 - 44 bundles Lawaan Lumber of various sizes	Luzon Rattan, Inc.	P 153,693.00 ONDA April 3, 2002
10)	1 x 40 Container No. EMCU109381-2 - 44 bundles Lawaan Lumber of various sizes	Luzon Rattan, Inc.	P 157,733.00 ONDA April 3, 2002
11)	1 x 40 Container No. EMCU 910566-9 Used Truck Replacement Parts	Westley International Trading	P 194,218.00 CSI No. 01-2000
12)	1 x 45 Container No. APMU451580-4 - 21 Pallets Marble Tiles Sizes: 10 x 20 cm, 30 x 30 cm, 40 x 40 cm.	Pearlstone, Inc.	P 128,339.00 ONDA April 3, 2002
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15)	1 x 20 Container No. TPHU637697-9 - Various used Truck Replacement parts	DCT Export/Import	P 179,726.00 ONDA April 3, 2002
16)	1 x 20 Container No. REGU294840-4 used medical equipment & supplies	Leonardo Chiu	P 56,892.00 ONDA April 3, 2002
17)	416 bags of Premium Rice (Prince) ex M/V "Genara", under Litigation (subject of CSI No. 01-2002) - P955.00 per bag		P 397,280.00
18)	Unnamed Chinese Vessel (subject of CSI No. 31-99)		P 416,160.00
19)	2,729 bags of rice (Dragon Brand) at P875.00/bag (subject of CSI No. 31-99)		P2,387,875.00
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21)	80 bags of rice (Thai rice) at P1,000.00/bag (subject of CSI No. 31-99)		P 80,000.00
		TOTAL	P8,190,293.30

Requirements for participating bidders:

a) PhP2,000.00 registration fee; and
b) Cash bond deposit of PhP20,000.00 either in cash or manager's check refundable to the losing bidders after closing of the auction sale

Registration fee and cash bond deposits are payable one (1) day before the date of actual bidding.

Port of Cebu June 10, 2002.

(Sgd.) ATTY. JUAN N. TAN
District Collector

(PDI - June 18 2002)

NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY
Quezon City

ANNOUNCEMENT OF TENDER

The National Food Authority (NFA) wishes to announce that it will be conducting a sealed tender on **04 July 2002** at **2:00 PM** at the National Food Authority Boardroom, 10th Floor, 101 Matimyas Building, E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Quezon City, among NFA accredited foreign government corporations/institutions and Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) accredited international traders/suppliers for the supply of minimum/maximum seventeen thousand forty three and 50/100 (17,043.50) MT raw and/or white cane refined sugar (fines) of any specific origin representing NFA's minimum access volume (MAV) allocation for the year 2002 under the following terms:

1. SPECIFICATIONS
   - A. **Raw Cane Sugar (VHP)** - Of fair average quality of the current crop in bulk with **Very High Polarisation (VHP) minimum of 98.50 degrees/maximum of 99.40 degrees** at the time of shipment and inspection at the loadport;
   - B. **White Cane Refined Sugar (fines)** - Minimum polarisation of 99.80 degrees, maximum color of 45 ICUMSA units and maximum moisture content of 0.06% in 50 kg bags;
2. ARRIVAL PERIOD IN BATANGAS

VARIETY	NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 31 (MT, Minimum/Maximum)
A. Raw Cane Sugar	17,043.50
B. White Cane Refined (fines)	17,043.50

3. PRICE OFFER

Interested offerors are required to submit price offers for raw and/or white cane refined (fines) sugar as per arrival schedule from any specific origin which must be quoted in US$/MT, CFR, FO, based on the following modes of payment:

1. Irrevocable at sight Letter of Credit
2. Irrevocable usance Letter of Credit, 180 days after B/L date

Except for foreign government suppliers who are personally submitting their bid/offer, all interested SRA bidders including appointed local representative/s who are making an offer on behalf of an accredited foreign government supplier/s, are required to submit a bid bond equivalent to 10% of the total offered price in the form of cash, Cashier's Check, Manager's Check, demand draft in USD issued/drawn from a reputable bank in Metro Manila or an Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit issued by a reputable bank domiciled in the Philippines valid for 120 days from date of bidding.

Submission of the offer together with the bid bond will be between 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM on the tender date.

Opening of offers will start exactly at **2:00 PM.** Only those approved and invited by the Bidding Committee for the supply of raw and/or refined sugar based on the list of NFA accredited foreign government corporations and international traders/suppliers accredited by the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) are invited to submit sealed tenders.

The pre-bidding conference will be held on **02 July 2002 at 2:00 PM** at the NFA Boardroom.

Interested bidders may secure the terms and conditions starting **20 June 2002 (8:00 AM - 6:00 PM)** from the **Foreign Operations Division, Directorate for Marketing Operations, 5th Floor, NFA, Matimyas Building, 101 E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Quezon City** with telephone numbers **743-8696, 712-1928, 712-1572, 712-1564** and **711-7433.**

Bidding documents will be available on **02 July 2002** right after the pre-bidding conference to qualified bidders/offerors upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P2,000.00.

In case of failure a **pre-rebidding/rebidding** will be conducted on **09 July 2002** and **11 July 2002** respectively, at **2:00 PM**, at the NFA Boardroom.

The National Food Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals, to waive any required formality or defect therein and may accept the bid which is deemed most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) **VICENTE V. RACHO**
Chairman, Pre-qualification,
Bids and Award Committee

(PDI -- June 18 & 24, 2002)

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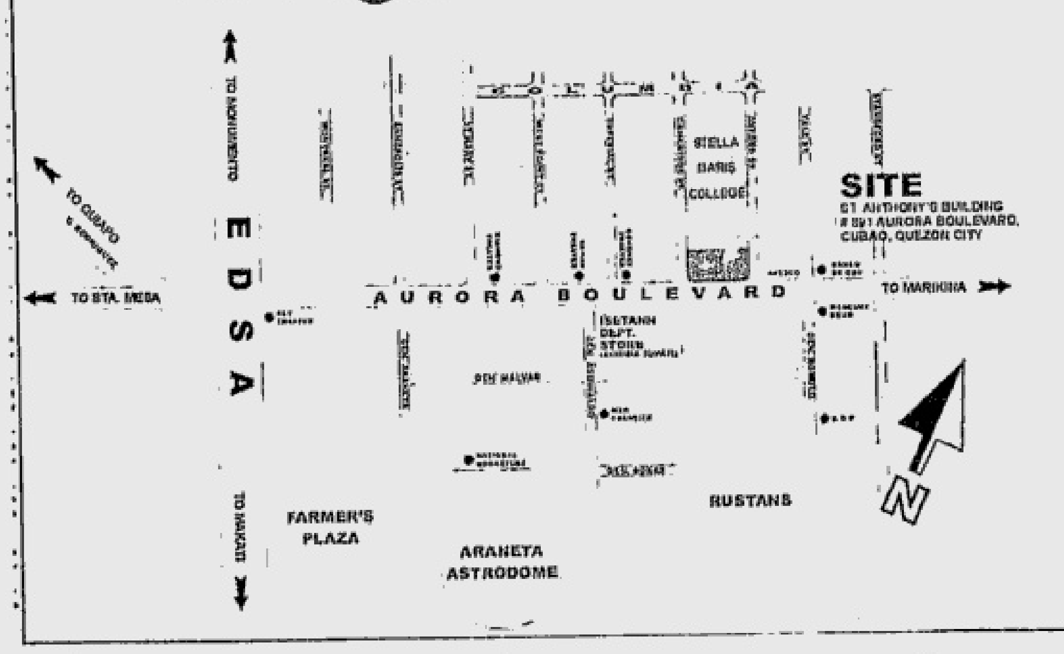

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National Power Corporation

INVITATION FOR ELIGIBILITY & TO BID
AD NO. PD2002-17

Pre-Bid Conference:	**June 26, 2002**	**2:00 P.M.**
Opening date:	**July 2, 2002**	**9:00 A.M.**
E-Bidding Date:	**July 5, 2002**	**9:00 A.M.**

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Interested parties are invited to apply for eligibility and to submit sealed bids on the above to be opened publicly at the Sampaguita Rm. Ground Floor Bldg. 2 NPC-OBC, Quezon Avenue cor. Agham Road, Diliman Quezon City.

Eligibility forms and bidding documents are available on **June 17, 2002** upon payment of P50.00 per schedule which is non-refundable & presentation of TIN / supplier's number (DCE).

Issuance of eligibility forms and bidding documents mornings only, 8:30 to 11:30 A.M. For inquiries please call No. 921-25-74. Last day of issuance of bidding documents **June 26, 2002.**

The Corporation reserves the right to rject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any defect therein and accept the offer most advantageous to the Corporation.

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(PDI--June 17 & 18, 2002)

Repubika ng Pilipinas
KAGAWARAN NG KAGALINGANG PANLIPUNAN AT PAGPAPAUNLAD
(DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT)
Batasan Pambansa Complex Constitution Hills
Quezon City

June 14, 2002

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), a national government agency, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), is inviting duly accredited Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO) to apply for eligibility and to bid for the provision of **HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR DSWD EMPLOYEES NATIONWIDE THROUGH A HEALTH CARD SYSTEM.**

For the purpose of this bid, eligible bidders shall be those who have accredited hospital and clinics in **ALL** regions of the country.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and secure the complete set of bidding documents, **upon presentation of a letter of intent, from June 19 to 28, 2002 from Ms. Mariciris Jacinto**, BAC Secretariat, Property and Supply Division, 2nd Floor, DSWD, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City with telephone nos. (632) **931-8161**, (632) **931-8101** to 07 local **125**, and fax no. (632) **951-7116.**

A **Pre-bid Conference** is scheduled on **June 28, 2002** at 10:00 a.m. to be held at the Administrative Conference Room, 2nd Floor, DSWD, Constitution Hills, Quezon City.

Sealed application for eligibility and bid proposal, together with the bid security, must be delivered to the BAC Secretariat on or before 2:00 p.m. of **July 11, 2002.** Thereafter, eligibility and bid envelopes will be opened in the presence of the bidder's representative(s) who choose to attend. Opening of bids will be held at the Administrative Conference Room, 2nd Floor, DSWD, Constitution Hills, Quezon City. **Late bid proposals/quotations will not be accepted.**

DSWD hereby reserves the right to reject any or all applications for eligibility and to bid, to waive any formality therein and/or accept the bid as maybe considered most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) **RHODA F. YAP**
Assistant Secretary and Chairperson,
Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI - June 18 & 25, 2002)

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Bid No. TGISRP - 0031-01

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Qty	Unit	Description
27	Sets	Vertical Turbine Pump 2 Stage or multi-stages 250 MM (10" dia.) water lubricated, diesel engine driven using Right Angle Gear Drive
27	Sets	Industrial Diesel Engine
27	Sets	Right Angle Gear Drive (RAGD)

The National Irrigation Administration (NIA) as the Implementing Agency of the Project, invites eligible bidders to participate in the tender. Interested bidders may obtain bid documents from **July 01 to July 09, 2002** at the Procurement Division, Ground Floor, NIA Bldg., Diliman, Quezon City, Tel. Nos. **921-3906 & 922-4768** upon payment of a non-refundable amount of Four Thousand Pesos (P4,000.00).

A Pre-bid Conference shall be held on **July 23, 2002**, 2:00 p.m. at the Conference Room of the Assistant Administrator for Administrative Services, Ground Floor, NIA Bldg., Quezon City.

Bids must be delivered and shall be publicly opened on **August 08, 2002**, 2:00 p.m. at the same venue.

All bids must be accompanied by Bid Security equivalent to at least 2% of the total bid price. Bid Security shall be in the form of Bank Draft/Guarantee/Irrevocable Letter of Credit, Cash, Cashier's Check, MC or any combination thereof.

The NIA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, declare the bidding a failure or waive any or all informalities or to award such bids to any bidder whose bid is considered most advantageous to the Government.

(Sgd.) **MARCELINO V. TUGAOEN, JR.**
BAC Chairman

(PDI - June 18 & 27 2002)

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His remains lie in state at the Loyola Memorial Chapels, Guadalupe, Makati City. Christian worship service will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. followed by cremation services at 12:00 nn.

I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
John 14:6

"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28

Major LUCIANO M. YATCO, USAFE (Ret.)

of Biñan, Laguna

Peacefully joined our Creator on June 15, 2002 at the age of 86.

His loving children **Josie & Boy Caday**, **Precy**, **Erlyn & Ali**, **Lenie & Edwin**, **Maris & Terry Angeles**; brothers **Serafin & Fely** (†); sisters **Lolay** (†) & **Sitang** (†); nephews & nieces, grandchildren and dear relatives and friends request the pious readers to join us in praying for his journey to eternal life.

Interment will be on Wednesday, June 19, 2002 at Biñan Municipal Cemetery, after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at San Antonio Chapel.

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One year ago, on June 19, 2001, **Esperanza P. Alvendia** completed her earthly journey and returned home to the loving embrace of her Father in heaven.

We, her family and friends, celebrate with joy the memory of her life on earth as well as her blessings of eternal reward in heaven. We thank the Lord for having given us a most wonderful mother and a kind, loyal and most compassionate friend. For us, she was simply the best!

Esperanza Pahati Alvendia

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Manila
Nuestra Señora de Guia, Ermita .... 7:00 AM
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San Fernando of Dilao, Paco .... 7:00 AM
Espiritu Santo Church, Santa Cruz .... 6:00 AM, 7:00 AM
5:00 PM, 6:00 PM
Parish of Our Lady of the Abandoned, Santa Ana .... 6:30 AM
St. Anthony of Padua Church, Singalong .... 7:00 AM
San Agustin Church, Intramuros .... 7:00 AM
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INQUIRER TRiViA

By BONG BARRAMEDA

Cyprus question

Q. Is the island-republic of Cyprus part of Asia or Europe?

A. Because of its proximity to the Middle East, Cyprus—which is currently divided into Greek and Turkish sections—was once considered part of Asia. Indeed, some reference books still indicate so. But modern geopolitics does not support this view. Cyprus has been a full member of the Council of Europe since 1961 and concluded an Association Agreement with the European Economic Community (which is now the European Union or EU) in 1972. In fact, it's only a matter a time before the Mediterranean republic attains integration into the EU. On the social front, Miss Cyprus has been a regular contestant in the annual Miss Europe beauty pageant.

For the Record. Istanbul (formerly Constantinople) is the only city in the world that sits astride two continents—Europe and Asia. The Bosporous, a narrow strait that links the Black Sea and the Sea of Marmara, separates its European and Asian sections. In 1973, a 1,079-meter suspension bridge was opened at Istanbul linking the Asian and European shores of the strait. Istanbul is the largest city in Turkey and the country's chief commercial and cultural center. Although part of Turkey is in Asia, the republic is a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and has applied for full membership in the European Union (EU).

Past Forward. This day in 1908: The University of the Philippines, the country's premier state university, was created by Republic Act No. 1870.

WORD WATCH

Oblation (ab lay shun) : an offering made to God or a god; from the Latin oblatus, "brought to."

REALESTATE

Editor **Cesar D. Mangawang**

Proposed tax break aims to spur realty growth

By Charles E. Buban

WHAT if we could deduct the payment of housing loan interest from our household income taxes? A lot of families would definitely welcome such news as this would entice them to acquire their own houses, instead of just renting them. This, thus, starts a chain reaction that would stimulate domestic property acquisition.

Sen. Loren Legarda has urged her colleagues in Congress to support a move that will make housing loan interest payments deductible from household income taxes. "This plan will have a massive positive multiplier effect on the economy," according to the senator.

She said that allowing families to deduct home loan interest payments from their income taxes is a surefire way to enliven the real estate market and boost household income that would be available for other forms of consumption spending.

An invigorated market and increased household income would surely alleviate the lives of some 4.3 million Filipino families who are yet to buy their own homes, according to a National Housing Authority figure. To address this housing backlog, the government needs to shell out P50 billion annually for the next 10 years.

Spurred growth in the US

Legarda is looking at a tax scheme similar to that of the United States where home loan interest charges are income tax deductible. She said the tax break was among the factors that triggered the real estate boom in the United States that saw millions of American families building their own homes and investing heavily in properties.

The deductible housing loan interest in the United States applies only to the principal residence and not to rental properties, investment properties, vacation home properties, second homes, or anything else.

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P:US$ (Average)	P39.1%	P44.1%	P51.0%	P51.4
Average 91-Day T-Bill Rates	10.0%	9.9%	9.7%	8.5%

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Congress shouldn't worry about government revenues that would be foregone as a result of such a proposed tax deduction. Legarda believes that the government would reap a huge windfall from a vibrant real estate market and brisk construction activities. An increased borrowing for property acquisition would reinvigorate even the banking sector, she added.

Legarda also pointed out that once families start spending less for rent payments and enjoy tax deductions out of their home loan interest charges, they would have more disposable income for (consumer) durable purchases and other forms of spending.

Moving but not enough

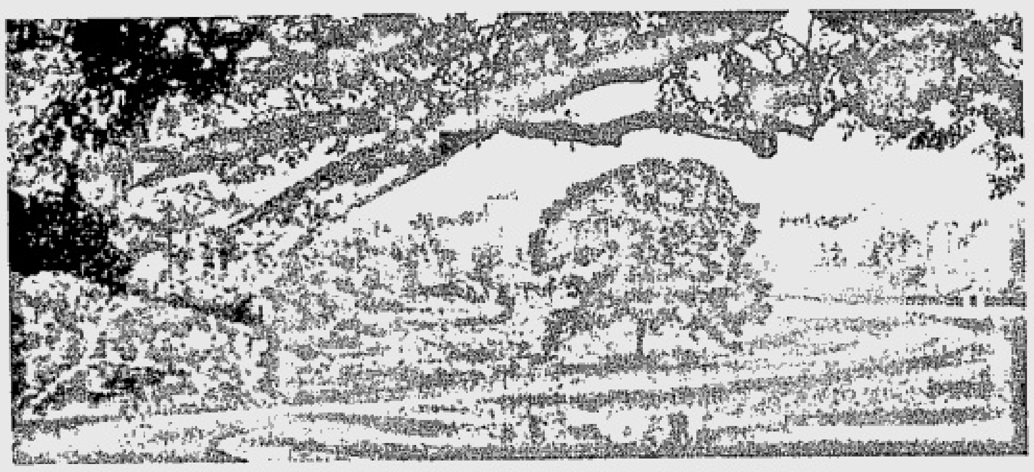
Citing Colliers International property market report, most household would still be hard-pressed to spend on anything very significant like properties. Although favorable economic figures are expected for the first quarter of the year (a growth forecast of 3.8 percent), it is unlikely that this figure would be reflected in performance report of any company. Analysts say the monetary easing and recent economic improvements are yet to filter through a broader level.

Unemployment rate dropped to 10.3 percent in January as compared to 11.3 percent in the same period last year, but still there are job deficiencies. Larger share of total employment that worked for less than 40 hours a week increased while those who worked for 40 hours or longer declined.

The report also cited that ending an eight-month disinflation, consumer prices for March rose by 3.6 percent from 3.4 percent in February. Inflationary pressure remains good as March figures remain within the government's target of 5 percent to 6 percent for the whole year of 2002.

FIRST FARM ESTATE

Ayala Land subsidiary conquers Lipa



THE UPCOMING LPHI farm estate

MANY among the business executives of Metro Manila are farmers at heart. Even for just a day or two in a week, they yearn to get away from the humdrum of city life and feel the soothing, calming sensation of the countryside. For a good number of them, nothing compares to the touch of soil on their hands.

Studies show that these so-called gentlemen or weekend farmers look to their farm as an eventual retirement haven. It's also a place to grow crops and plants for personal use. And since they know the value of their money, they view the farm as good investment.

Master-planned community

This is the main reason Laguna Properties Holdings Inc.—the mass housing arm of leading real estate firm Ayala Land Inc.—will soon build a master-planned community in Lipa City that will combine farming and recreation with residential use.

One part of the community is a 64-hectare development that will offer farm lots ranging from 750 to 1,500 square meters as well as hacienda lots as big as 5,000 sq. m.

The bigger lots are ideal for recreational and commercial farming, which can include several agricultural activities like growing fruits, flowers, vegetables and ornamental plants as well as aquaculture and limited raising of horses and game fowl.

As an added attraction, buyers will have the option to build their dream rest house or even their retirement home suited to their needs and activities which will definitely include farming.

The other development is a 30-hectare residential village with lot sizes between 150 and 300 sq. m. It will be designed in such a way that it can accommodate existing LPHI houses.

Both developments will share the community's exclusive clubhouse amenities which includes a multipurpose hall, swimming pool, meditative garden, basketball court, jogging path, nature trail and landscaped playground. Also to be provided are electricity, telephone and cable facilities as well as 24-hour security.

With all the benefits this LPHI master-planned community promises, one might still ask: why Lipa?

Manuel J. Colayco Jr., LPHI president, says there is no single, compelling reason the Ayala Land subsidiary chose Lipa over other possible sites around Metro Manila.

Accessible

Located between barangays Antipolo del Sur and Latag, the upcoming LPHI farm estate village is a mere four kilometers from Lipa town proper and is very near Lipa Cathedral and Carmelite Monastery—site of recently reported miracles.

From Makati, the planned community is about an hour and a half away. It is also accessible to Fernando Airbase (being considered for conversion into a commercial airport) and Batangas seaport (likely to be transformed into an international seaport). This month, the project will be formally launched.

Elitist HLURB regulations, Part 2

By Florentino F. Dulalia Jr.
Contributor

THIS is the second part of Creba's position paper on the Revised Batas Pambansa 220 and Presidential Decree 957 which the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) proposes to enforce. In my previous column, I discussed four implementing rules and regulations or IRRs which the association believes to be defeatist or unconstitutional.

Here are some more of said IRRs which should be shelved. Creba recommends that the previous IRRs of PD 957 and BP 220 be restored to keep the industry going.

- **Increase in open space requirement based on density.** There are three basic principles in land and housing development: a) the smaller the lot areas, the greater would be the provision for the roads; b) development cost depends, among others, on the length and width of the roads; and, c) the longer and wider the roads, and the larger the provisions for open spaces and amenities, the smaller is the recovery from saleable lots. All these are anathema to BP 220 which mandates the adjustment of the standards for land development and house construction in order to make housing packages more affordable.

The proper approach is the exact opposite of the revised rule, i.e. a) lower the existing provisions for open spaces and amenities to their irreducible minimum; b) for projects located within five kilometer radius of existing parks, playgrounds, schools, commercial centers and other amenities, exempt the project entirely from the requirement for open spaces and amenities; and, c) for areas beyond said radius, require local government units (LGUs) to assume responsibility and shoulder the cost of providing such playgrounds and other amenities out of the taxes they collect.

- **Requirement for tree planting.** The present practice is that the developer and lot buyers can agree that the latter undertake tree planting, thereby meeting the legal requirement for tree

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Active Group finds steady market for low-cost housing

"THERE is always a market for low-cost housing," says Antonio "Toti" Turalba Jr., and on this he is backed up by statistics, conventional wisdom, even the scriptures. Food, clothing and shelter are the basic (physical) needs of all human beings.

Turalba is an architect who is now involved in the airline business as chair of Asian Spirit and, soon, possibly even tourism ventures.

He is also the chief operating officer of Active Realty and Development Corp., the land development arm of the Active Group of Companies that positions itself "wherever there is a need"—from high-end resort community to low-cost housing.

Thus, there's the Mount Malarayat Golf & Country Club in Lipa, Batangas; the Town & Country subdivisions in Antipolo, Laguna, Cavite and Bulacan; and now, San Antonio South (SAS), an economic housing in Biñan, Laguna.

High-end product

San Antonio South, Turalba says, is really a high-end product in its category. A total of 15.3 hectares in Barangay Langkiwa, Biñan, the property is subdivided into lot areas measuring from 60 to 75 square meters each. Amenities are first-rate. Roads are wide and concrete. Drainage system, water and electric installations will be in place soon. In short, it's envisioned to be like an urban neighborhood—sleek, modern and efficient.

TURALBA

MARIA Cristina Village in Latag, Lipa City

It is Active's fourth project of its kind. The company has Villa Cristina Subdivision in Madanlog, Victorias City; Villa Antonella in Tinampa-an, Cadiz City, both in Negros Occidental; and Maria Cristina Village in Latag, Lipa City, Batangas.

Convenient location

San Antonio South is conveniently located close to industrial and recreational centers, hospitals, malls and supermarkets. It is near schools such as Don Bosco Technical School, Perpetual Help College, Turalba High School, La Consolacion College, Ann Arbor Montessori and College of the Holy Spirit.

The subdivision is also close to industrial centers like Laguna Techno Park, Laguna Industrial Park and Light Industry and Science Park as well as hospitals like Perpetual Help Medical Center, Biñan Doctors Hospital and the Asian Medical Center. It is likewise near Splash Island, Enchanted Kingdom, Carmona Sports Coliseum, Carmona Public Market, Waltermart, Rustan's, Metropolitan Plaza, Olivares Plaza and Festival Mall.

Value for their money

Many real estate companies avoid doing heavy business during an economic crunch, such as the whole world seems to be experiencing at the moment. It is a natural and practical act of self- preservation.

However, Turalba says, "There are products whose market exists in both good and bad times. In turn, we have taken the only way to make such a market in our field notice that we are around: We guarantee premium output and affordability. Our buyers will see in concrete terms how the value of their money will extend farther than they thought it could."

He further states that this is the company's way of supporting the current administration's low-cost housing program by building homes that middle-income families could afford. This is something that the Active Group firmly believes in as they are committed to helping Filipino families own their dream homes and achieve a better quality of life.

Copier for architects, engineers launched

HEWLETT-PACKARD Philippines Corp. recently introduced the HP Designjet Copier cc800ps—an innovative, integrated solution to help transform information workflow within the AEC, GIS and copy shop markets.

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The introduction of HP Designjet Copier cc800ps in the market is an indication of HP's commitment to providing customers with the efficiency of all-in-one devices.

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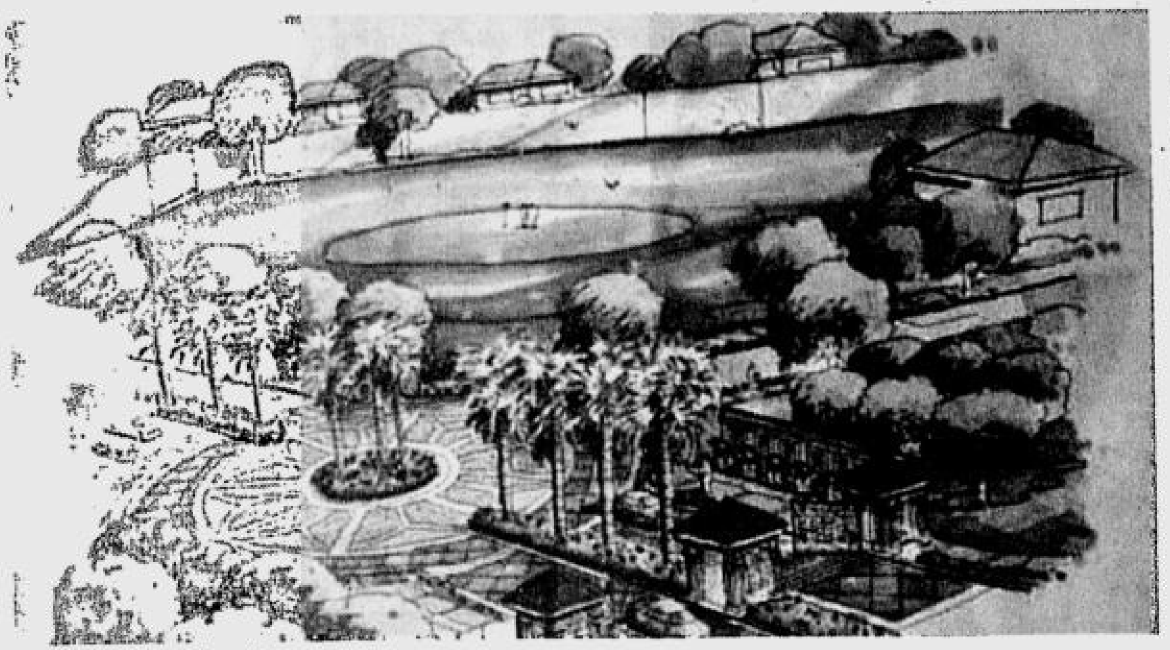
The Designjet Copier cc800ps has a full range of color copying functions, including multiple copies, enlargement and reduction as well as paneling, tiling and nesting features for full control over copies.

Ayala Land develops village in the middle of golf course

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

MAJOR real estate developer Ayala Land Inc. breathes new life into the Quezon City residential sector with the development of the high-end Ayala Hills Village project in the middle of the Capitol Hills Golf and Country Club.

Thomas F. Mirasol, ALI senior division manager, said in an interview that development of the subdivision started last week with the first 100 of the 241 lots to be sold starting October this year.


ENTRANCE to the village

Unique project

"This is a unique project because the development would be integrated with the redevelopment of the Capitol Hills Golf Course into a precision course," Mirasol said.

IMG, one of the world's leading golf course design firms, worked with ALI in finalizing the Ayala Hills master plan.

Once finished, the Capital Hills Golf Course will become a 57-par golf course with the holes pushed to the perimeters to give way to the 241 single-detached lots. Most of the lots ranging from 355 square meters to 1,260 sq. m would have either fairway and/or parkview lots.

The 54-hectare Ayala Hills was envisioned as a golf course community where the residential lots are integrated with the golf course. A new clubhouse would be constructed, taking its inspiration from Balinese architecture.

Village within village

Mirasol said ALI took note of the topography of the golf course—high, rolling terrain, mature trees and water features—in coming up with the development plan.

The biggest cuts called estate lots are set at a higher elevation compared to the other lots and would have a separate entrance.

"It would be like a village within a village. It is a special amenity for them," Mirasol said.

Amenities include landscaped entrances, underground utilities and 15-17 meter wide tree-lined main roads.

Mirasol said no price has been set yet for the Ayala Hills lots, although prices are expected to exceed those in neighboring Ayala Heights Village.

Said Mirasol: "Because of the lack of new high-end subdivisions in Quezon City, demand for this type of product has far exceeded supply. This in turn has supported the high land values in Quezon City." Even through tough times, land values in Quezon City have retained much of their value as compared to prices outside the city, she added.

GT Tower home to prestigious companies

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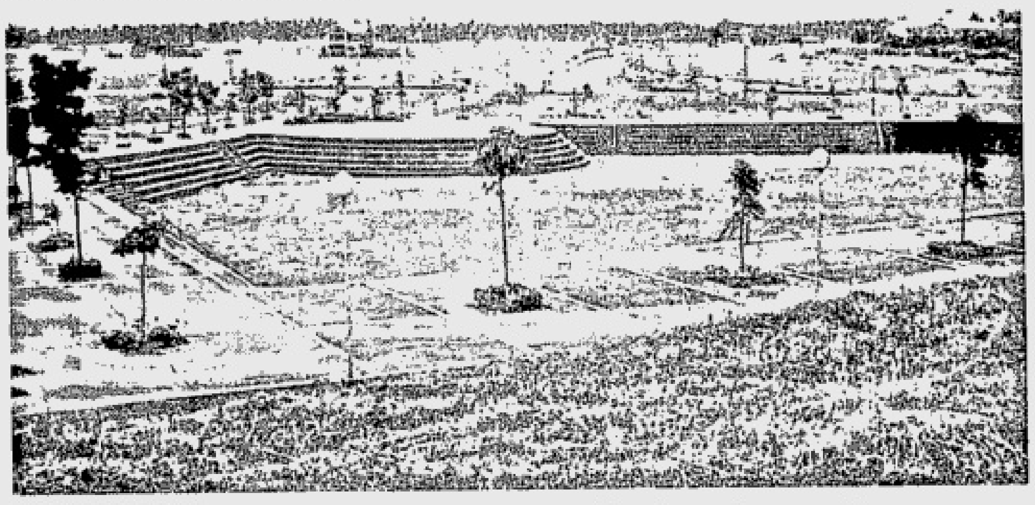
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SILANG, a first-class municipality in Cavite, is usually mistaken as part of Tagaytay because of its greenery and cool climate. The town is noted for a diversified cropping system, which allows a farm owner to raise cash crops such as pineapple, coffee, coconut, papaya and banana in one parcel of land. A big percentage of Silang's P80 million annual income comes from these cash crops.

Two economic zones in the municipality provide boost employment in the municipality. Prime real estate developments with golf courses have also boosted the town's economy.

One of these is Metrogate Silang Estates, a 250-hectare residential subdivision located on Aguinaldo Highway. It is owned and developed by Moldex Realty Inc. and marketed exclusively by Moldex Realty Marketing Inc. Suitable to fine country living, Metrogate Silang Estates features a clubhouse with modern sports and recreational facilities, a view deck, a 40-bay driving range with a three-hole course and an amphitheater. It is master-planned to have man-made streams and lakes, a fish farm, a vegetable garden as well as wet and dry markets. There will also be a commercial complex, a preschool and a grade school.

"Silang's local government headed by Mayor Ruben Madlansacay continues to mobilize all resources to make the town a peaceful and progressive community," says MRMI president Editha L. Manansala. "Future residents of Metrograte Silang Estates are assured of a rewarding investment in a place where they can experience contentment and fine country living," she adds.

Open house activities are conducted regularly by Moldex's special sales and brokers networks to allow prospective buyers to see the site and make their choices of residential lots. Buyers are given special discounts during promotional sales periods. Most of the lot owners at Metrogate Silang are businessmen, young couples, retirees and yuppies (young urban professionals) who want a relaxing place to stay after work.

New hydrophonics technology for demo farms introduced

LEISURE Farms Tagaytay recently held a groundbreaking ceremony for its hydrophonics technology.

The event was attended by Leisure Farms project team members—Eric Matic, senior farm estate manager; Alfred Xerez-Burgos III, assistant vice president and project director; Francis V. Ceballos, chief operating officer; and Albert Villa-Real, sales and marketing director—and Nir Arez, general manager of Netafim Philippines; and Asher Goffer, president and GM of Agri-Aqua Enterprises.

Hydrophonics, an irrigation technology that eliminates the use of soil in cultivating crops, will be used in the project's demo farms. It will be supplied by Netafim, the leading manufacturer and distributor of irrigation systems and agro-technology products. The technology maximizes the use of water and requires a minimum amount to sufficiently irrigate crops and soil.

Through its agronomist, Netafim Philippines will ensure proper operation of the greenhouse(Netafim uses Azrom Greenhouse Systems) Leisure Farms will use for the new technology.

The hydroponics system will be operational in Leisure Farms' demo farms by the end of the month, all set to grow the farm project's Israeli tomatoes, Holland bell peppers and Harbest honey dew melons.

Leisure Farms is a residential farming community located in Metro Tagaytay, with rolling terrain of virgin soil divided into 1,000-1,500-square-meter farm lots. Farmers enjoy cool weather and a spectacular view of Mt. Batulao and Balayan Bay. It is another quality project of Landco Pacific Corp.

Showrooms for RP firms available at Japan expo

FILIPINOS wanting to penetrate the Japanese home construction industry have until June 21 to book a slot for the forthcoming Japan External Trade Organization (Jetro) Housing Materials Centers' 14th term exhibition to run simultaneously in Tokyo and Osaka.

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Subterranean termites can consume your investments—your home and property—from the ground up, turning many backbreaking years of hard work into sawdust. The fact is, termites are more dangerous than burglars and much more likely to occur than fire.

Says Ela Dillague of Sentricon: "Our country is home to Philippine Milk termites or "white ants," the most tolerant to chemical treatment and very voracious. They are not afraid of heights!" Termites become high-rise tenants, make meals out of prized art pieces, and can devour even your pile of money bills. And, perhaps like their home or property owner victims, they are workaholics. foraging 24 hours a day.

Stops destruction

Sentricon Termite Colony Elimination System, a technology developed by US-based leader DowAgro Sciences, stops the destruction by taking advantage of natural termite behavior and getting termites where they live. The system is perfect for protecting homes and properties because it is effective, has no limitations on structure size (ideal for warehouses, shopping centers and hotels), nondisruptive (Sentricon technicians do not have to drill holes through floors, keeping the landscape pretty much undisturbed), odorless and nonintrusive (it does not upset daily operations. leaving property owners and tenants in peace).

Safe technology

Best of all, the technology is safe (Sentricon monitoring devices have secure child-resistant caps) and environment-friendly. Hexaflumuron, the bait material in Sentricon that stops the molting process and causes termites to die, is the first pest control product in the United States to receive "fast track" registration from the Environmental Protection Agency in the new "Reduced Pesticide Risk" category. Sentricon was also awarded the US Presidential Green Chemistry Award by the Clinton administration for its commitment to keep the environment safe.

Sentricon system is not exactly "bargain basement-paced" but its clients are not complaining. A golf and country club general manager discloses how after doing some cost analysis, his company discovered that the amount they have been paying an anti-termite company that uses conventional chemical treatments for years added up to so much more than Sentricon. Add to that the cost of repairing major structures damaged by termites that were not effectively exterminated by "spray and pray" techniques.

Even pest control industry experts are saying they have not seen anything like this for decades. Those who admitted being initially skeptical became convinced after seeing firsthand how Sentricon actually delivers its promise of total termite colony elimination.

Elitist HLURB regulations, Part 2

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planting. Trees are taken good care of when it is the lot owners who plant them. Experience shows that trees planted by developers are often destroyed, mutilated or dismembered during housing construction particularly by buyers who have no regard for preserving the environment. Besides, this would again entail additional costs, which are built into the selling price.

- **Limit on the validity of the development permit.** A development permit should have no fixed validity period for this poses no injury to anyone. With a validity period or automatic expiration, the bureaucratic process of renewal is an area for graft, considering the entire gamut and costs involved obtaining an approval.

- **The environmental planner as a signatory in the subdivision plan.** This has no legal basis as neither PD 957 nor the related laws call for it, even as it would entail delays and additional costs that are eventually absorbed by the buyers. Besides, plans of all subdivisions are already signed by licensed architects, civil engineers and geodetic engineers who, while not necessarily environmental planners, are nonetheless well versed in environmental issues and concerns.

- **Registration of owner/developer as dealer.** Unlike real estate brokers and salesmen, real estate developers are necessarily real estate dealers. Dealership is subsumed by the term owner/developer.

Since registration is already required on their condominium and/or subdivision projects, they should no longer be required to register separately as real estate dealers. Otherwise, this results in double registration. In effect, this IRR is redundant in that it duplicates the license to sell. Imagine a registered real estate developer with a license to sell being banned from selling unless he also registers as a real estate dealer.

- **ECC requirement.** An environmental clearance certificate (ECC) as prerequisite to the issuance of development permit, or vice versa, is inconsistent with EO 184 and EO 45 as it causes costly delays. Deletion of this rule is in order. Applications for development permit and ECC may be processed simultaneously.

There are other IRRs that should be discussed in the next article. Readers are encouraged to send in their comments to fdulalia @philonline.com.ph.

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New York developer eyes ultra-rich Filipino buyers

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

AN AMERICAN retailer is hoping to sway a few of the Philippines' ultra-rich individuals to buy a high-end condominium unit in New York City worth at least $1.9 million or nearly P100 million.

Impact International senior partner Jerry Namero yesterday announced the start of marketing of One Central Park—the upscale residential component of the $1.7 billion, twin 80-story towers of AOL Time Warner to be built on 1.37 hectares of prime property in New York.

Namero said he was confident that there would be some takers in the Philippines despite the steep price tag for the condominium units. The Philippines has yet to recover fully from a property bust which started during the 1997 Asian financial crisis.

He said they were targeting mainly investors who want to diversify their portfolio.

"This project is not for the person who is worried economically but only for those who can afford it," Namero said.

Namero said he was encouraged by the strong reception from a number of affluent Filipinos on another opulent real estate project that he marketed in the country last year.

The One Central Park will have 191 residential units for sale starting from the 52nd floor to the 80th floor. The units will be sold at prices ranging from $1.9 million to $10 million per unit and with sizes of 1,280 square feet to 8,400 square feet.

Namero said at least 40 percent of the South Tower and 30 percent of the North Tower condominium units have been sold out. Singer Ricky Martin is reportedly one of the celebrities that bought one of the units in One Central Park.

Construction began last year and it would be completed by the third quarter of 2003.

Immediate rehab of Tiwi geothermal complex pushed

By Ronnel W. Domingo

TIWI, Albay—The mayor of this town appealed for the fast-tracked rehabilitation of the 330-megawatt Tiwi geothermal power complex as this was seen to boost economic development here.

Mayor Patria Gutierrez told visiting reporters that the deterioration of the geothermal facilities had taken its toll on the residents.

"(The municipal government) has stopped the subsidies for our constituents' power consumption," Gutierrez said. "There was a time that the people of Tiwi paid almost nothing for electricity."

She explained that as host to a power plant, Tiwi was entitled to one centavo for every kilowatt-hour sold from the town's geothermal reserves.

Of this, the law provides that 20 percent be spent for social development and livelihood activities while 80 percent goes to electricity subsidies.

"We were able to conduct many trainings and livelihood programs from (these quarterly collections)," the official said.

The mayor did not give figures on how much the town has been collecting, but said some residents paid as low as P2 a month in the heydays of the Tiwi geothermal complex.

Ironically, that was between 1992 and 1994 when 8- to 10-hour brownouts gripped Luzon.

Then, the Tiwi generators worked to the limit thereby providing 40 percent of Luzon's electricity needs.

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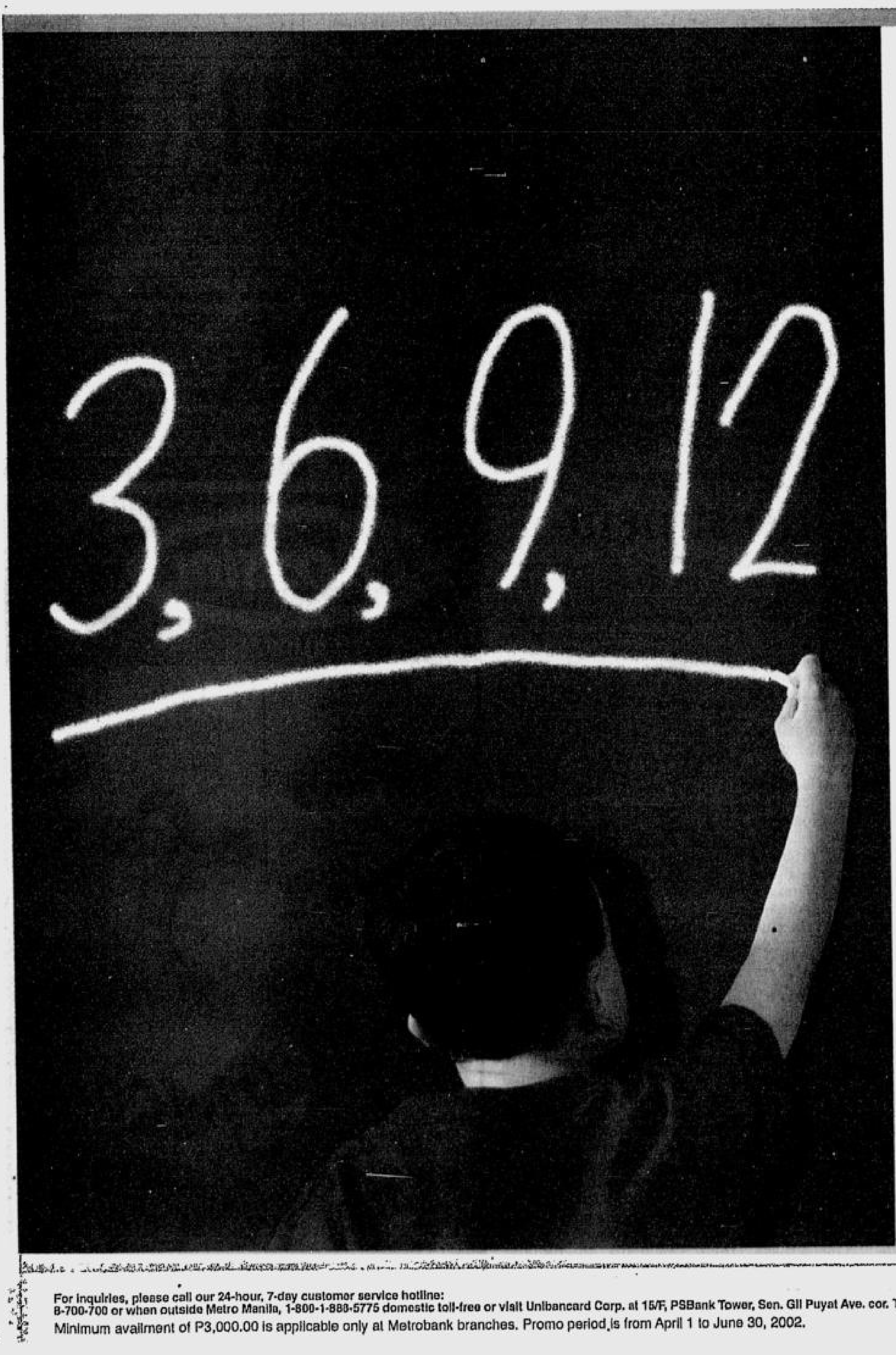

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Fitness

Heart-pumping place mixes exercise with entertainment

By Anne A. Jambora

HUFFING, puffing and sweating it out in gyms to keep in shape or realize that a dream body is never easy, and return session after session requires steel determination and strict discipline.

Most gymgoers get bored with repetitious exercise programs—brisk walking or running on treadmill for 30 minutes or so becomes unbearably tedious, and lifting weights a dreary monotonous motion. They get tired and eventually give up.

Gold's Gym, the spunky new health club on the 2/F and 3/F Glorietta 3, Ayala Center, Makati City (tel. 752-8281/8082), brings enjoyment to an otherwise routine drill.

"We are the only gym in the country that has exer-tainment—that's exercise combined with entertainment," says Mylene Dayrit, Gold's Gym CEO.

Its Star Trac treadmills, all 40 of them, are cable-ready, each equipped with small screens and headphones so members can sink quietly into their own cocoons while exercising.

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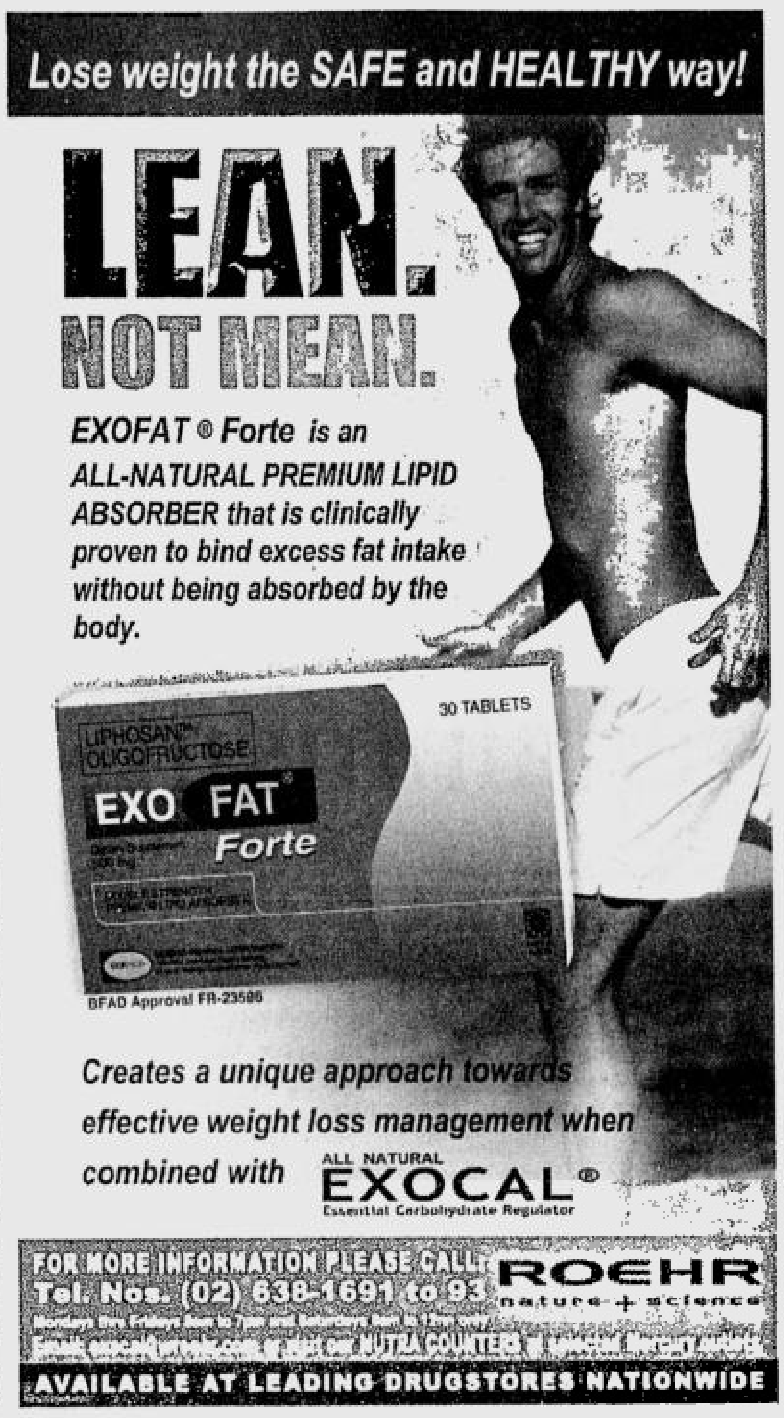
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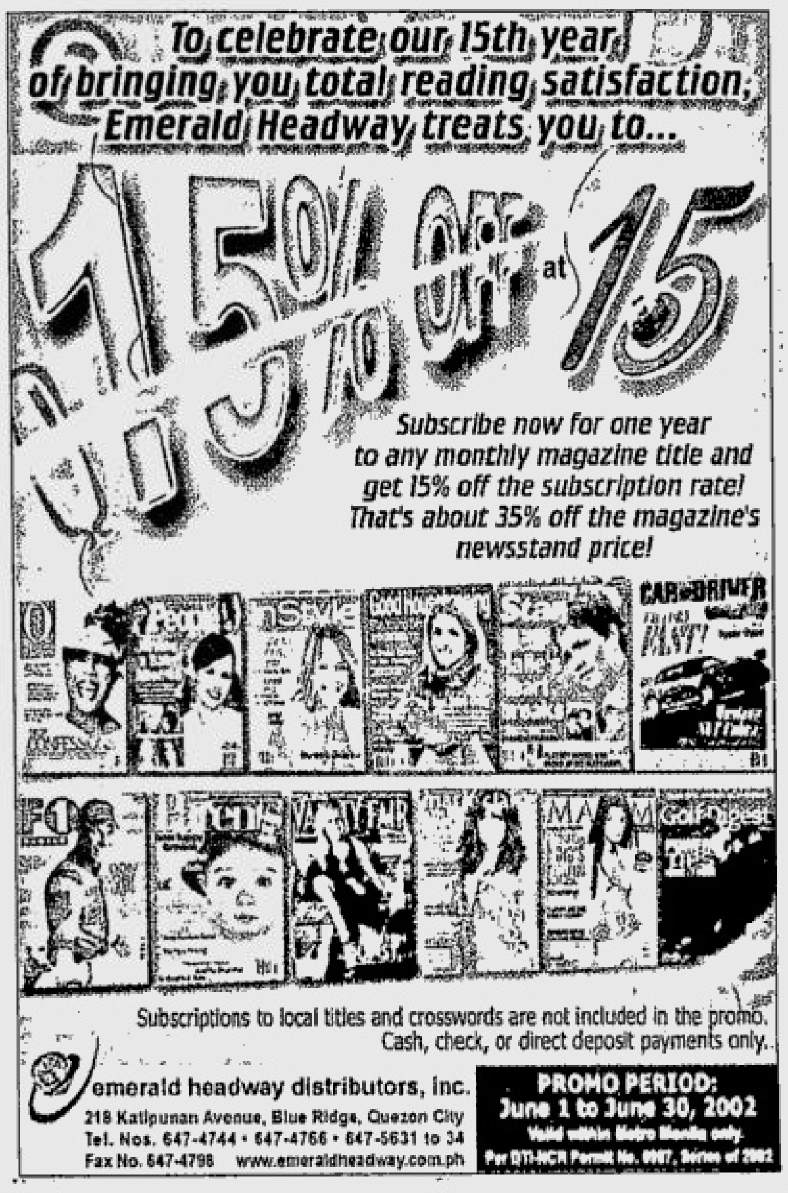
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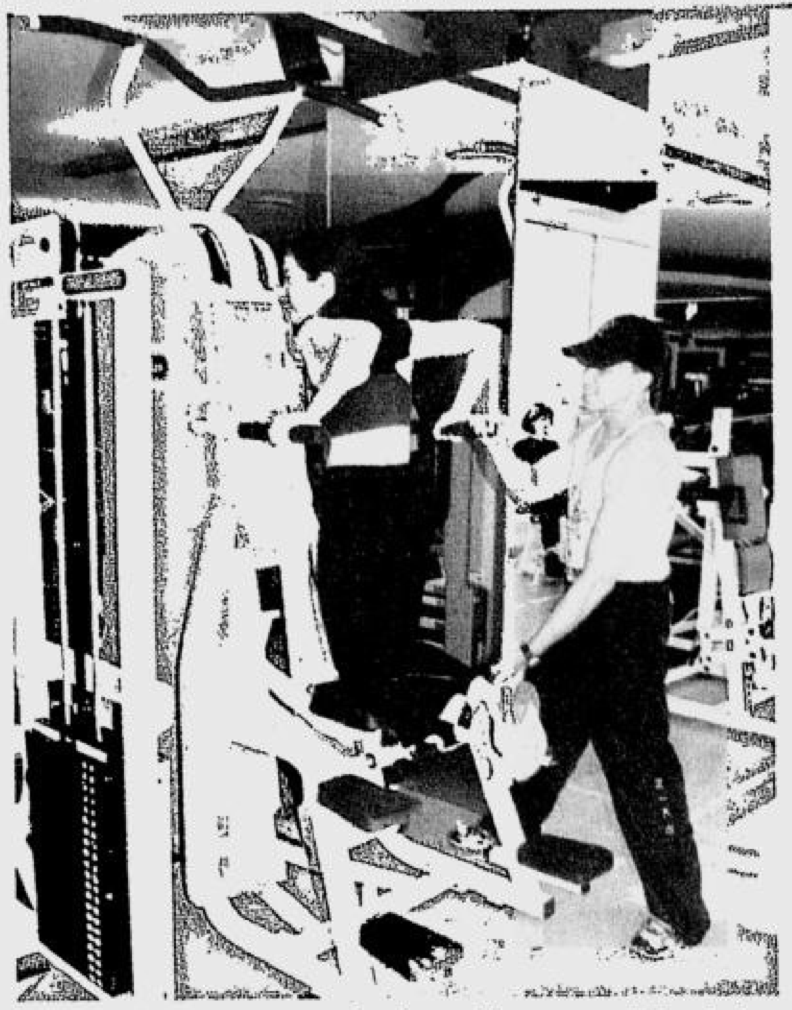

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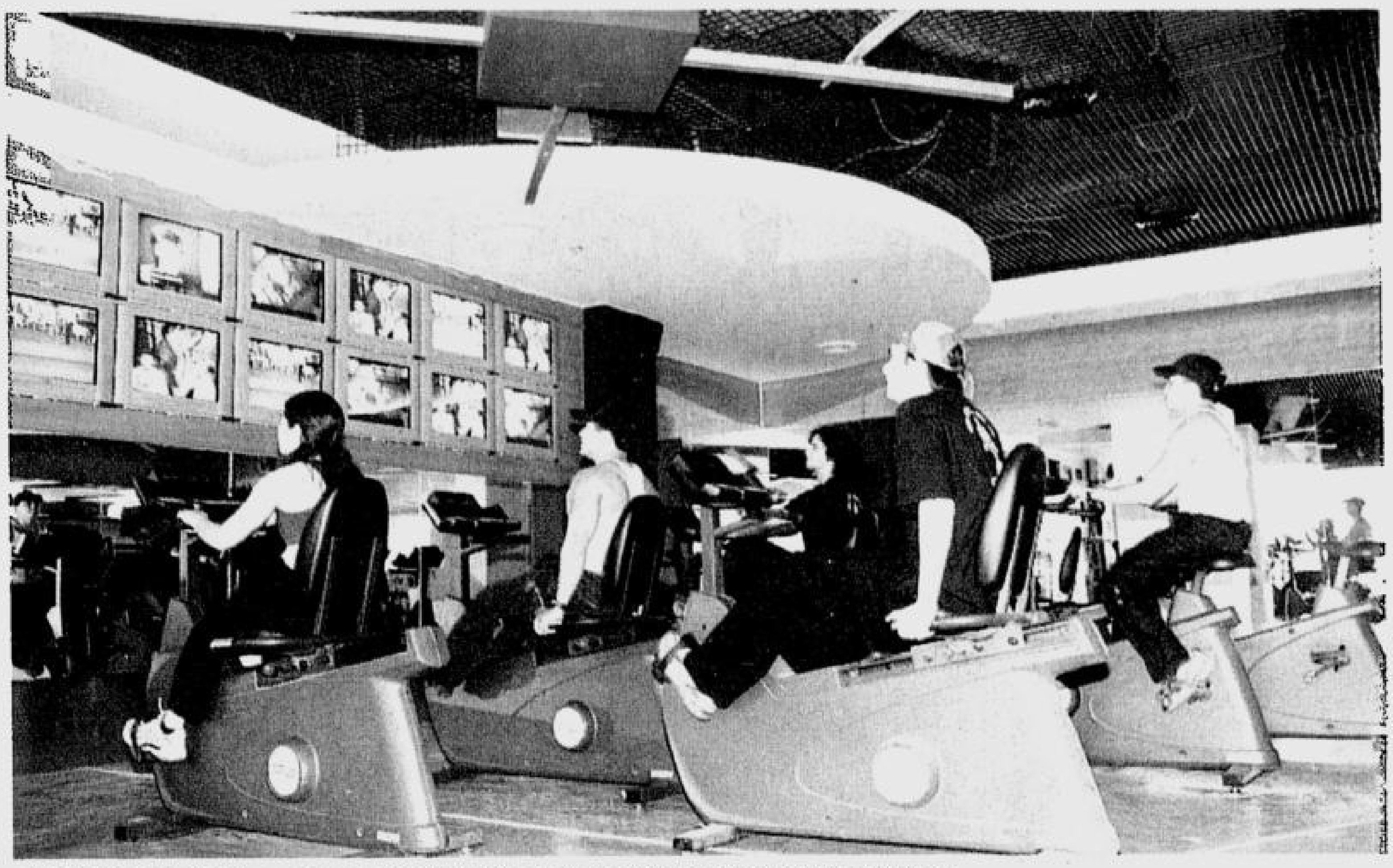

CARDIO THEATER. No need to rush your routine just to catch your fave TV show at home.

Heart-pumping place mixes exercise with entertainment

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can easily switch to music. Dayrit says they have a tie-up with Tower Records to help them out music-wise, especially since Gold's Gym is in operation 18 hours every day of the week, 6 a.m.-12 midnight.

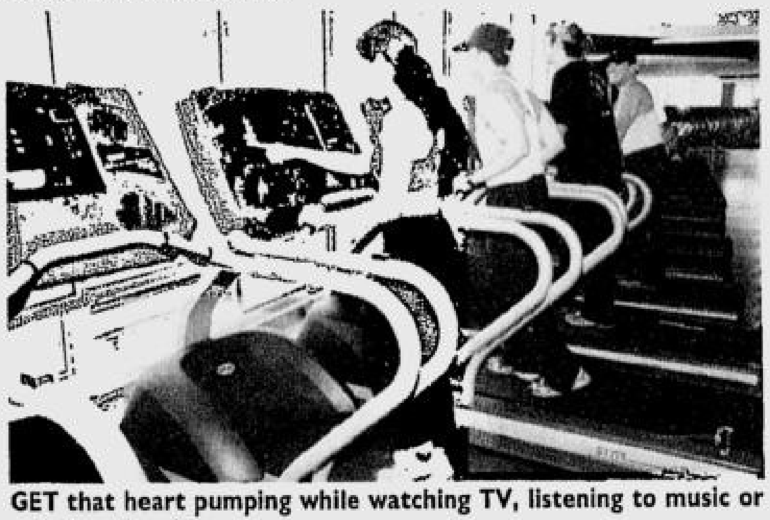
Aside from the technology, gymgoers on cardio machines are given a view—Glorietta Park.

Cardio theater

Another feature for cardio fanatics is the cardio theater, a section in the gym where more than 10 full-size Philips flat TVs are mounted on a wall. Cardio machines such as treadmill, transport and stationary bike are lined up front. Gymgoers just have to fix their eyes on a TV of their choice, put on the headphones and, with a tap on the clicker, change the audio output that corresponds to the show of their liking.

For Filipinos who can't get the hang singing their hearts out inside karaoke bars on weekends, Gold's Gym offers a Karaoke Spinning Class. Classes are held inside a glass-enclosed room so gymgoers have no fear of annoying "the serious" pumping irons around, except maybe the person seated next to them.

The logic? "When you do cardio exercise, you must be able to speak normally. If you're breathless, can't talk normally or find it hard to speak at all, you're overdoing it. In this class, you must at least be able to sing," she says.



GET that heart pumping while watching TV, listening to music or enjoying the view.

So what if they can't carry a tune! If they can sing, they're exercising at a rate their body is comfortable with.

24-minute workout

Should gymgoers become pressed for time, Gold's Gym has circuit classes, a 24-minute complete body workout (excluding warm-up and cool-down). Exercise machines are arranged in a circular formation to better allow students to hop from one machine to the other.

Once everybody is in position, a go-signal is given by an instructor, who then times them. After each set, students move to the next machine, and so on. Practical for people on the go, or for those who don't like to spend long hours in the gym.

"There's something for everybody here," Dayrit says.

For the shy or antisocial gymgoer, there's no need to get that butt in motion lest they bump into strangers. Gold's Gym has a 14-in-one machine where their fitness needs will be met.

In fact, it has five strength equipment for each body part that, says Dayrit, "it's like going to five different gyms in one location."

With over 250 machines and 2,500-sq-m floor area, there is no danger of human traffic and waiting in long queues during peak hours, she says. Although the gym's membership capacity is 8,000, Kathleen Fonacier, marketing officer, says once they reach the 5,000 mark, a new branch will be opened.

The gym has about 1,500 members. And for a clear picture on how roomy it actually is, its facilities can accommodate 400 people per hour.

Aside from its state-of-the-art machines, it also offers up to 100 aerobic classes per week—classic hi-lo, hi-lo Latin, hi-lo energy, cardio kickboxing, cardio hip-hop, easy rider, low impact, basic sculpt, basic stretching, Hatha yoga, aero tai chi, Pilates intro, spinning.

Aero classes are held in a spacious, glass-enclosed room—funky ceiling and wall-to-wall mirrors—that can hold more than 70 students, fully equipped with crisp, superior sound quality roaring in the air.

"We like people to look at Gold's Gym as a lifestyle place," says Dayrit. In the works are saunas, health bars, a day spa and a merchandise shop.

Still, with less than 5 percent of the population regular gymgoers, how can Gold's Gym survive in the health/fitness business, especially at their rather steep membership fees?

"We are aiming for the non-gymgoers. We want to show them that working out can be fun and enjoyable," Dayrit says. "Who would have thought Filipinos would become coffee lovers before Starbucks?"

Well, working out in the gym is certainly not as easy a habit to develop as peacefully sipping coffee, but Dayrit is optimistic that with the technology and fun Gold's Gym has in store, couch potatoes will abandon their couches and start trudging on the treadmill.

Of course, a TV set—small or regular—is still in order, and very much available.

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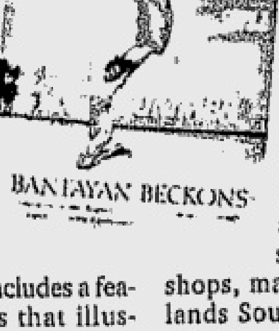
All about the Queen City of the South

DELIGHTFUL yet unknown facets that make up Cebu City are truly endless. Cebu! Magazine's cover story features Bantayan Island, a gem of a place that is located at the northern tip of Cebu and is famous for its languid tranquility, unique brand of camaraderie that fuses local laughter with toned-down western wildness and gastronomic surprises. Perched on a limestone promontory, it provides a breathtaking view of the Sta. Fe shoreline.



BANTAYAN BECKONS

The issue also includes a feature on churches that illustrates Cebu's history, faith and culture. These churches were built within a span of some 200 years and majority of these took anywhere from five to 15 years to construct.

There's also a detailed look on the highly successful furniture industry. The story entitled "Cebu's X-Factor" highlights the excellent quality and innovative designs that distinguishes Cebu's furniture in the competitive international market.

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Golden rules on wellness

ILLUSTRATION: STEPH BRAVO

INSIDE OUT
Cory Quirino

DIGEST the title well. This is not about vanity. It's about health, body and heart, spirit. If you want to embark on a wellness (note, I did not say fitness) lifestyle, now is the time to start.

In a remarkable find at National Book Store, an easy-to-read gem of a book by Greg Anderson, author of "The 22 Non-Negotiable Laws of Wellness," compiles golden rules to live by which will guarantee a healthier, happier you.

1. **The Law of Joy**—Live life with joy. Recognize each day as a gift, and adopt an attitude of renewal in order to generate a happier stance in life on a daily basis. True wellness does not begin with diet and exercise but with our attitude towards life and ourselves where the real foundation rests.

2. **The Law of Personal Accountability**—Take charge of your life. Your wellness program is not your gym trainer's, nutritionist's or best friend's responsibility—it's yours. Your behavior either contributes to illness or wellness. "Your choices regarding food, alcohol, tobacco, exercise and drugs have profound effects on the development of disease and our potential for recovery from disease."

3. **The Law of Unity**—We are not just physical beings, we have minds and spirits too. There must be a balance between body, mind and spirit. This means your daily jog, brisk walk and your salad are not enough. You should find time to nurture your spirit. Make time for prayer and meditation.

4. **The Law of Physical Activity**—Use it or lose it. How true? Excuses like "no time, bad weather, it's boring or difficult" are invalid. You have to have some form of exercise. So enrol in a gym or go to a park and simply walk briskly for 30 minutes, three times a week, or join your neighborhood basketball team.

5. **The Law of Nutritional Frugality**—Frugal eating is the key. In short, eat less. And in this case, less is more. It isn't just knowing what to eat but what not to eat, like processed high fat and high sugar foods. Consume more veggies and fruits. It's also about knowing how much to eat. In the end, an overload of calories will lead to weight gain.

6. **The Law of Minimal Medical Invasiveness**—Bless the physician who tells you "I want to treat you right but do only what is absolutely necessary and with minimum side effects. We will help your body heal."

Challenge every test, medicine and procedure prescribed to you. Take a proactive role in the prevention-treatment of illness. Look into natural medicine as a way to beauty and health.

For skin rashes, prickly heat and insect bites, here's my formula:

Aloe Salvo

Two peeled slices of fresh aloe vera (sabila)—blend or mash it well by crushing it through a strainer. Apply the pulp or juice directly on the affected part. Leave on your body for as long as you wish.

Dab on your face with a cotton bud. Leave it on for 5 minutes. Wash with cool water.

For indigestion and acidity, mash 1 sq. inch of peeled fresh aloe vera.

Add half a teaspoon ginger juice, mix and drink like a stomach elixir.

7. **The Law of Stress-Hardiness**—After many years, research has linked stress to a variety of medical conditions, which are mounting at an alarming rate. Stress is a major cause of heart attacks, ulcers, high-blood pressure, nervous disorders, and cancer.

Relaxation technique:

1. Sit quietly in a chair, bed or sofa.
2. Close your eyes.
3. Curl your toes tightly, then release slowly.
4. Tense up your legs, then release slowly.
5. Clench your fist. Then release slowly.
6. Tense up your neck muscles, then release slowly.
7. Slow down your breathing.
8. Repeat to yourself, "I am relaxed, I am feeling good."

8. **The Law of Emotional Choice**—Guilt, fear, anger or happiness, contentment and love? The choice is yours.

9. **The Law of Developmental Motivation**—Motivate yourself to achieve. Develop a talent that has long been neglected or forgotten. Unsatisfied needs lead to a life of discontent. Satisfied needs lead to a life of contentment.

10. **The Law of Human Dignity**—Respect yourself in every way. Respect your body, honor your heart, and nurture your spirit. We are all creatures of God and therefore worthy of respect. This law expects that I give you respect and you give me respect and this world will be a better place to live in.

11. **The Law of "Win-Win"**—Seek a mutually beneficial position for everyone. This is a paradigm of cooperation, not competition. This states that everyone is happy with a situation and has equal share in its benefits.

The other 11 laws next week. Love and light!

Cory Quirino holds book signing and gym tour

BEST-SELLING author Cory Quirino will hold a book signing and beauty and wellness lecture in Metro Manila's most prestigious gyms. Her 20-minute talk will reveal her secrets to staying young by having a healthier body and a positive attitude.

Her recently launched book, "Forever Young," a guide to beauty and wellness (Anvil Publishing) will be made available at the gyms. Cory will personally autograph books and entertain questions on beauty and wellness in her two-hour gym visits.

Members of the following gyms can sign up at the reception. Call 637-9653, 752-7807 (Gold's Gym), 813-0761 (Fitness First), 848-3480 (The Spa-RCBC Plaza). Schedule of gym tour: The Spa-RCBC Plaza, June 19, 5:30-6:30 p.m., and Gold's Gym, June 20, 5-6:30 p.m.

Be an outfitter of the day and win a prize

IN THE RECENT MBA match between Casino Amigos of Cagayan de Oro and Batangas Blades, ardent fan Dale Anthony Gelacio Cafe from Lapasan, Cagayan de Oro, did not expect that he would be going home with more than just great memories of an exciting game. USA Sports, the official outfitter of the MBA Southern Conference teams, awarded him with a gift certificate worth P1,000 since he was spotted as "Outfitter of the Day" in their "Spot the Verve" game.

"Spot the Verve" is USA Sports' promotion for all MBA fans and sports enthusiasts. You can join the promo by simply wearing any of your favorite USA Sports apparel while watching an MBA game live, and when you are spotted, you instantly win a gift certificate worth P1,000.

As official outfitter, USA Sports provides game uniforms, practice shirts and shorts, warm up tops, socks, and accessories such as towels and sports bags for players, coaches, team management personnel and support staff of Cebuana Lhuillier Gems, TPG Davao Eagles, RCPI Negros Slashers and Casino Amigos of Cagayan de Oro.

USA Sports' new line of apparel and accessories cater to the active and fit lifestyle of every individual. It is available at Festival Mall Alabang, Ayala Center Cebu, SM City Cebu and Iloilo, Gaisano Fiesta Mall in Cebu, Cagayan de Oro and Davao, Limketkai Cagayan de Oro, Robinson's Place Iloilo and Bacolod, and all leading department stores nationwide.

EVENT organizers and sponsors: (from left) Lawyer Al Agra of Futures Tennis Scholarship, Dunlop's Des Pajia, Prince product manager Liza Enciso, Toby's CEO Bobby Claudio, Philta's Johnny Jose, Toby's president Jojo Claudio, Toby's operations manager Toby Claudio, Planters Bank's Arlene Caringal and Sports Resources Inc. president Rod Claudio

Tennis provides kids with holistic training

AMONG various sports, tennis ranks as a favorite summer sport that promotes values like patience, determination and camaraderie. This sport is very ideal for young kids so they can learn the value of interaction, which is absent in today's recreational games.

The recently concluded Toby's Summer Tennis Festival proved just that, as it brought together parents and kids, along with professional and amateur athletes.

The weeklong event, held at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Complex, was an extravaganza of friendly competitions between tennis enthusiasts—from the country's top junior players to non-ranked challengers, as well as kids whose knack for this sport was tapped by the experts themselves.

The sporting event was organized by Toby's Sports, the country's premier sporting goods store chain, in coordination with the Philippine Tennis Association (Philta) and Futures Tennis scholarship.

TOBY Claudio with children participants

The exciting matches featuring around 300 of the country's best junior tennis stars also inspired the young participants who came in droves with their parents to engage in a worthwhile sport. The main highlight was the Toby's-Philta age group tennis championship, a category 2-sanctioned event.

"Young kids should be encouraged to take an active hobby or sport, such as tennis, instead of staying locked up in their homes playing computer and video games," said Claudio.

As role models, parents can instead try to influence their kids on the values of sport like tennis, so that they can go through real-life, not three-dimensional creations, which only simulate situations for learning.

Nail-biting competitions proved to be too real in the event, as witnessed by around 800 guests who trooped to the Rizal Memorial Tennis Complex. The country's top players showed how gritty play and determination make them winners on and off court.

Philippine tennis legends Roland So and Johnny Jose put on an exhibition match against celebrities Mandy Ochoa and Miguel Vera, who are part of the Rock N' Roll Team Tennis group. Another exhibition mash saw former Philippine Davis Cup star Bobbie Angelo and Mandy Ochoa go up against junior stars Yannick Guba and Joseph Arcilla.

The participants also joined various tennis-related activities and fun family games. The kids also had the privilege to undergo a tennis clinic, with no less than the country's top coaches and experienced players.

Premium products from participating sponsors were raffled off throughout the week as gifts to the guests.

Take Charge Doc!

Nicky S. Montoya, M.D.

Looking to learn more about your benefits under your MEDICard coverage? Do you want to be clear on the procedures, which allow you to avail of MEDICard's services? Get your information straight from MEDICard's Medical Director, DR. NICKY S. MONTOYA every Tuesday.

FAQs (frequently asked questions)

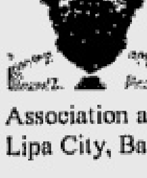
We recently started with our corporate healthcare program with MEDICard. One of our employees is already 60 years old, is he still eligible for enrollment?

Your 60-year-old employee may still be enrolled if there are at least six months counting from the date of effectivity up to the date that he becomes ineligible (e.g. 60 years and 6 months old will still be accepted but not 60 years and 7 months old). However, his pre -existing and dreaded disease limits will be computed on a prorated basis (i.e. limit divided by 12 multiplied by the number of months eligible).

Meet your MEDICard Team

MEDICard accredited physician **Dr. Sherrie Isabel Querubin-De Ocampo,** finished Medicine at the University of Santo Tomas. She took her residency training for her specialization in Internal Medicine and her subspecialization training in Gastroenterology at St. Luke's Medical Center. She also has post fellowship training in esophageal manometry and ph monitoring from the Royal Adelaide Hospital in Australia. Dr. De Ocampo, who has been with MEDICard since 1999 is also a Diplomate to the Philippine College of Physicians and an Affiliate to the Philippine Society of Gastroenterology. You may visit her for consultations at Room 110 of the Medical Arts Bldg., St. Luke's Medical Center, from Mondays to Saturdays, 12 to 4 PM.

Dermatology is the chosen field of specialization of MEDICard accredited doctor, **Dr. Grace Carole Beltran.** Dr. Beltran finished Medicine at the University of Santo Tomas and took her residency training for her specialization at UERM-MMC. She also subspecializes in Genitology, where she received training from the St. John Institute of Dermatology in London. Doc Grace spends most of her free time with her husband and their three children. She is also fond of playing tennis and playing the guitar and piano. You may visit Dr. Beltran for your consultations at Room 04 of the Manila Central University-Felimon D. Tanchoco Memorial Hospital every Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 12 noon up to 5 in the afternoon.



Dentist **Dr. Robert M. Garcia** has been an accredited service provider since 1999. Doc Robert, who specializes in Orthodontics finished Dentistry at the Centro Escolar University and his training for his specialization at the Center for Orthodontics Training and Society. Dr. Garcia believes that two of the most important factors in his profession are the quality of services rendered and advancement in facilities. He is very particular with client satisfaction and finds it rewarding to know that his patients continue to get their required dental needs from him because of his worthwhile service. Doc Bobet is a member to the Philippine Dental Association and the Lipa City Dental Society. You may visit him at the RMG Dental Clinic, C.M. Recto Ave., Lipa City, Batangas, from Mondays to Saturdays, 9 AM to 6 in the evening.

We encourage all MEDICard members to voice out their concerns and issues at hand. BE HEARD AND BE READ. You can write DR. NICKY S. MONTOYA at 9/F Sagittarius Bldg. H.V. De la Costa St., Salcedo Village, Makati City or e-mail him at inquiry@medicardphils.com. For feedback on availment of our services, e-mail us at feedback@medicardphils.com.

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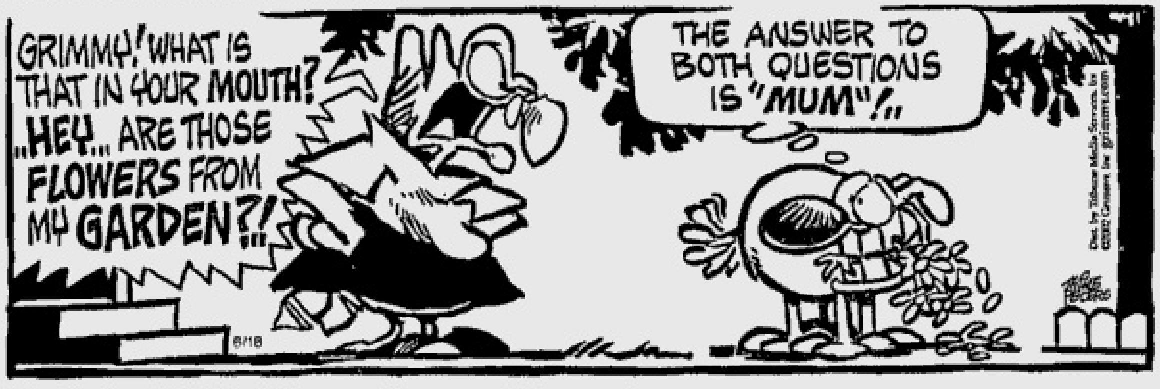
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS


GRIMMY! WHAT IS THAT IN YOUR MOUTH? ..HEY... ARE THOSE FLOWERS FROM MY GARDEN?!
THE ANSWER TO BOTH QUESTIONS IS "MUM"!..
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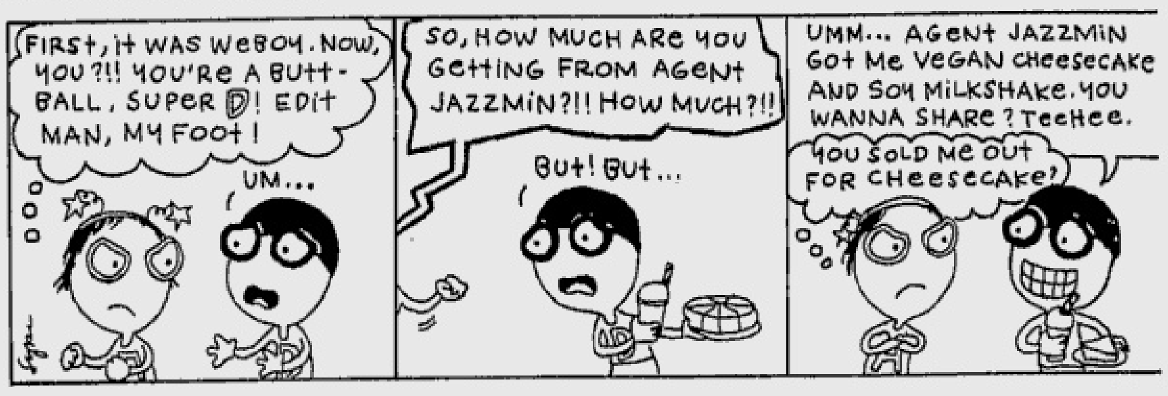
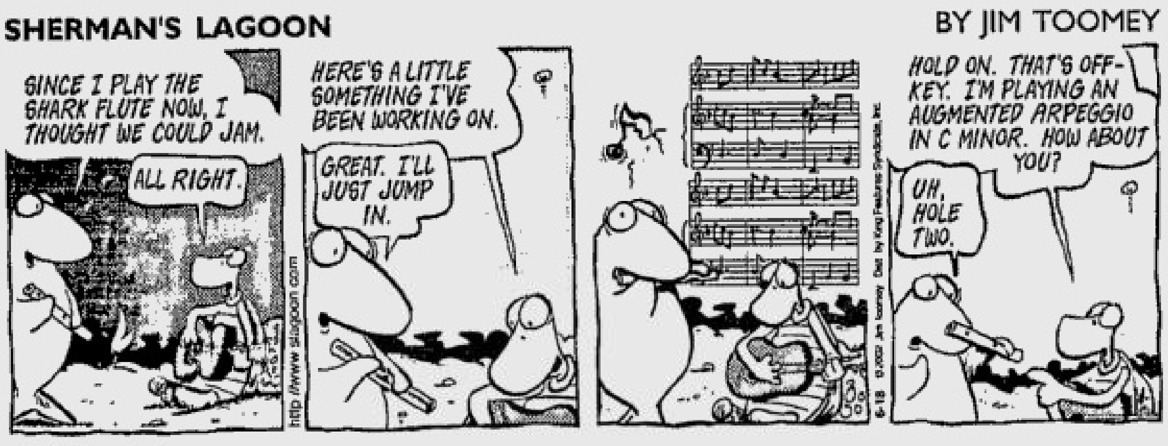
ATOMO AND WEBOY

BY LYRA GARCELLANO


FIRST, IT WAS WEBOY. NOW, YOU?!! YOU'RE A BUTT-BALL, SUPER D! EDIT MAN, MY FOOT!
UM...
SO, HOW MUCH ARE YOU GETTING FROM AGENT JAZZMIN?!! HOW MUCH?!!
BUT! BUT...
UMM... AGENT JAZZMIN GOT ME VEGAN CHEESECAKE AND SOY MILKSHAKE. YOU WANNA SHARE? TEEHEE.
YOU SOLD ME OUT FOR CHEESECAKE?

SHERMAN'S LAGOON

BY JIM TOOMEY


SINCE I PLAY THE SHARK FLUTE NOW, I THOUGHT WE COULD JAM.
ALL RIGHT.
HERE'S A LITTLE SOMETHING I'VE BEEN WORKING ON.
GREAT. I'LL JUST JUMP IN.
HOLD ON. THAT'S OFF-KEY. I'M PLAYING AN AUGMENTED ARPEGGIO IN C MINOR. HOW ABOUT YOU?
UH, HOLE TWO.
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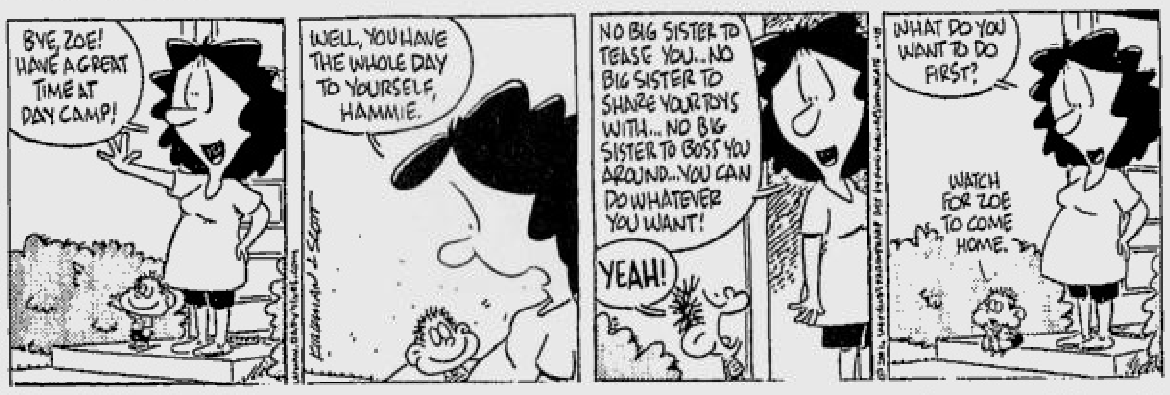
BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT


BYE, ZOE! HAVE A GREAT TIME AT DAY CAMP!
WELL, YOU HAVE THE WHOLE DAY TO YOURSELF, HAMMIE.
NO BIG SISTER TO TEASE YOU...NO BIG SISTER TO SHARE YOUR TOYS WITH... NO BIG SISTER TO BOSS YOU AROUND...YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!
YEAH!
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO FIRST?
WATCH FOR ZOE TO COME HOME.
KIRKMAN & SCOTT

HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Paul McCartney, Isabella Rossellini, Roger Ebert

Happy Birthday: You'll have great awareness when dealing with children, friends and your creative endeavors this year. You'll be better able to express yourself with unfiltered truth and will attract good friends and lovers. Jealousy and intrigue could be your downfall if you aren't careful. Your numbers are 5, 12, 22, 37, 42, 48

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will be all ready to form a partnership that could be fruitful but you must not allow your emotions to interfere in your decision. Take it slow and be discerning.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Align yourself with your peers and fight for your rights. This is the day to take control of your situation and change your direction. Work-related matters can be altered to your benefit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Let your talents flourish and focus on what you enjoy doing the most. Make personal changes that will enhance your appearance and your confidence.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep your thoughts to yourself and avoid any emotional confrontations. Don't trust others to do your job for you. Your memory will serve you well when it comes to little details.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your outgoing nature will help you talk others into investing in one of your ideas. The excitement that you arouse in others will put you in the spotlight. Take time to enjoy the moment and prepare to follow up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take your ideas and put them into motion. You are always watching others get ahead so this time give yourself a push and take the steps necessary to follow through with your intentions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on yourself and your creative talent. It's time to do a little soul searching and find out what you really want. Don't lose sight of your dreams.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Someone may be sneaking around behind your back. Your suspicions must be taken seriously. You need to get some sound advice from someone who is objective. Emotional stress will result in mistakes so stay calm and in control.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): This is a perfect time to begin, end or nurture an important partnership. You will be in the right frame of mind to sort through any differences you might have in order to come up with a workable solution.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You must refrain from getting sucked into something that is too good to be true. Don't put too much effort or money into an idea that is not a sure thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be so intent on picking up knowledge that you are likely to travel in order to do so. Research all the possibilities available to you. This can be an exciting day and you can make some valuable connections.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can make some great changes to your home, however, an older family member may not agree with your plans. Don't lose patience.

Birthday Baby: You will be responsible and ambitious. You will be intuitive and progressive in your thoughts. Partnerships will make a difference to your social and financial status throughout life

DAILY CROSSWORD

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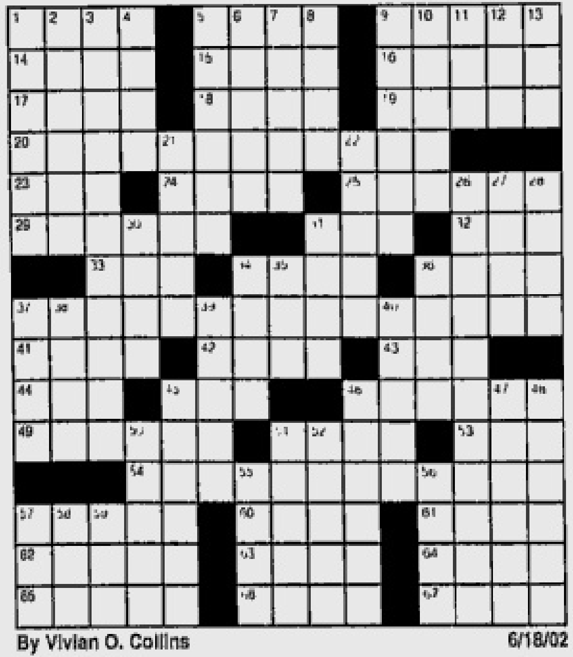

By Vivian O. Collins
Leesburg, GA

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5 Weeps
9 Earthy materials
14 As to
15 Length x width
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17 New York stadium
18 Yellowish-brown wood
19 MacDill AFB location
20 Friction-reducers
23 Actress MacGraw
24 Funny Foxx
25 Raced longer
29 Keep
31 Well-honed skill
32 Night before
33 Ambulance grp.
34 Talk wildly
36 Smell
37 Musical by Kaufman and Gershwin
41 Pioneer
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45 Help out
46 Aromatic herbs
49 Heat: pref.
51 Honor student's grades?
53 __ had it up to here!
54 Wild
57 Kingly
60 Centering points
61 Leaf collector
62 With dispatch
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65 Scale count
66 Criticize severely
67 Attention-getter

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3 Of a culture without writing
4 Tight closure
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6 Mountain nymph
7 Whiskers
8 Munro in print
9 Tennis string
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11 Appendage
12 Little yelp
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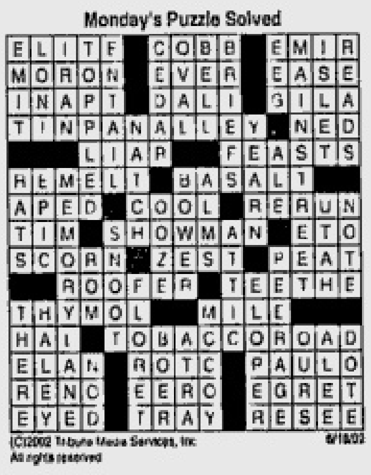
Monday's Puzzle Solved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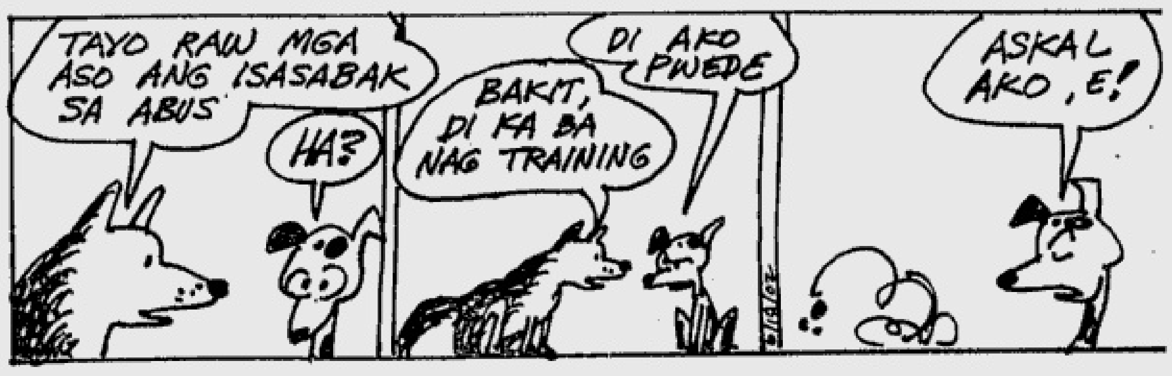
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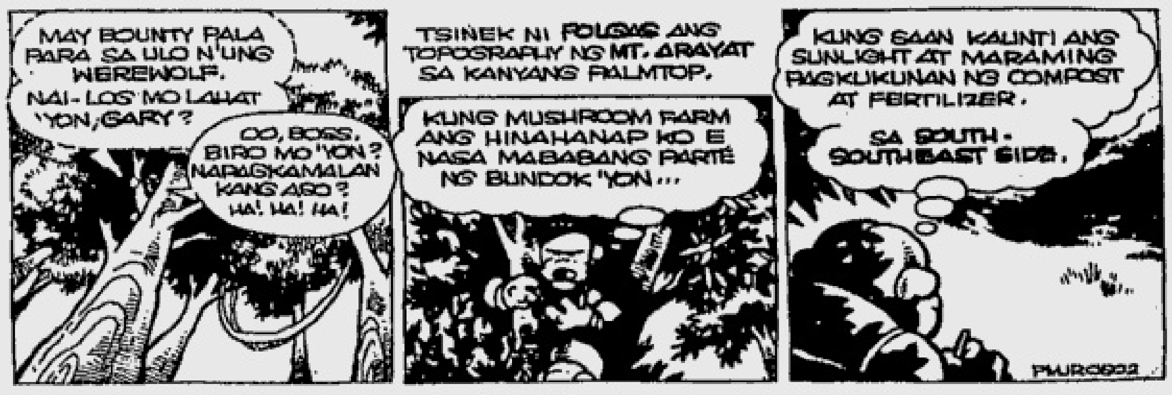
PUGAD BABOY

BY P.M. JUNIOR


MAY BOUNTY PALA PARA SA ULO N'UNG WEREWOLF.
NAI-LOS' MO LAHAT 'YON, GARY?
OO, BOSS. BIRO MO 'YON? NAPAGKAMALAN KANG ASO? HA! HA! HA!
TSINEK NI POLGAS ANG TOPOGRAPHY NG MT. ARAYAT SA KANYANG PALMTOP.
KUNG MUSHROOM FARM ANG HINAHANAP KO E NASA MABABANG PARTE NG BUNDOK 'YON...
KUNG SAAN KAUNTI ANG SUNLIGHT AT MARAMING PAGKUKUNAN NG COMPOST AT FERTILIZER.
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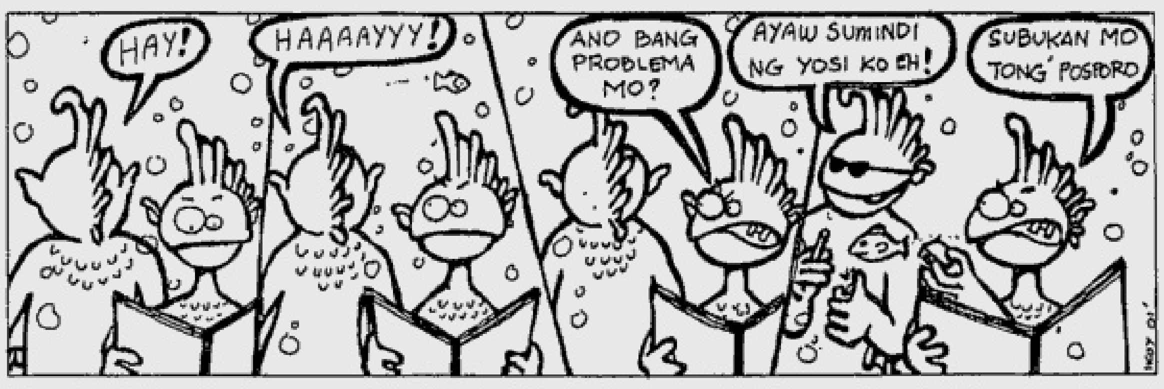
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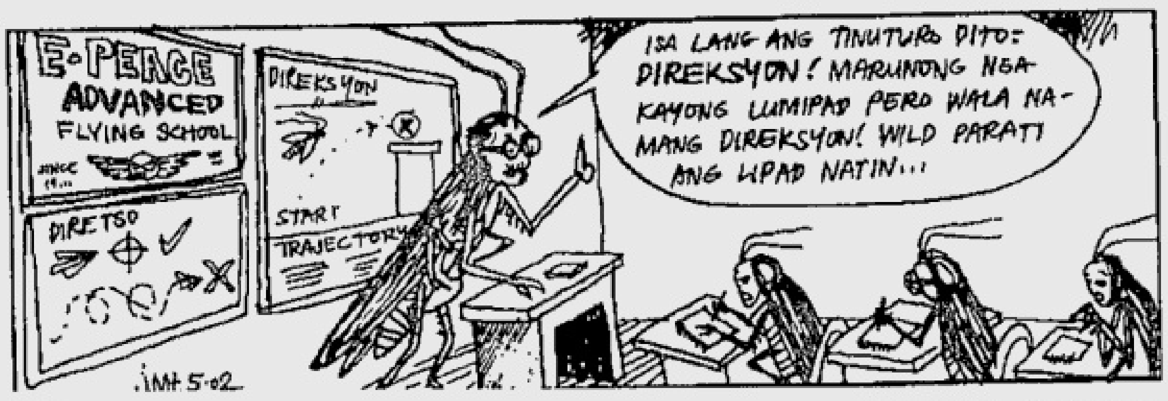
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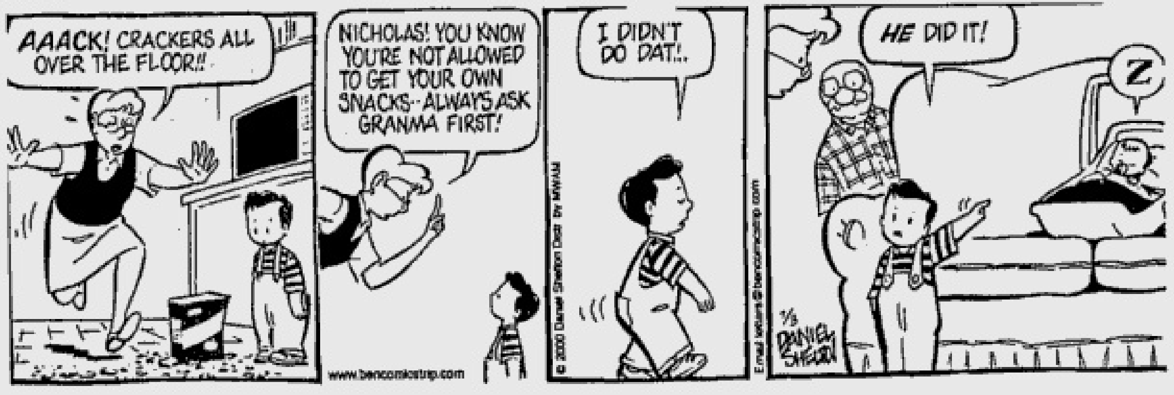
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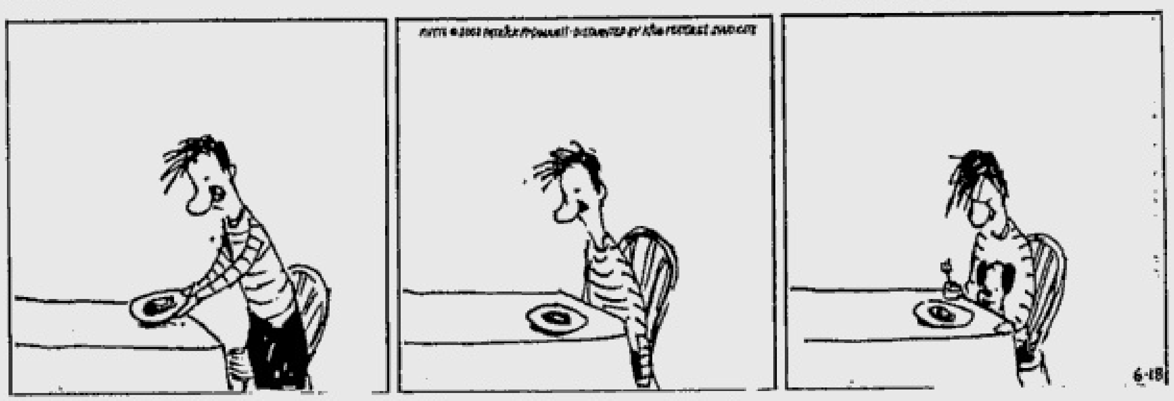

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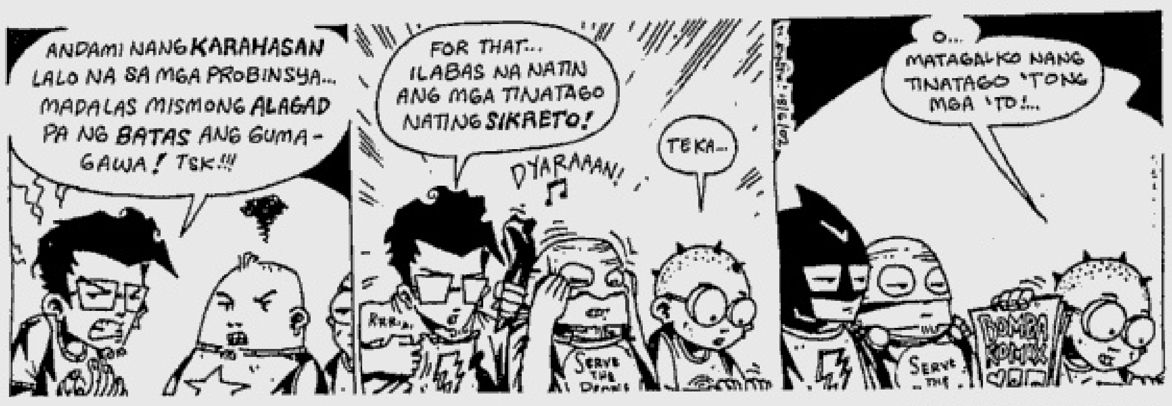
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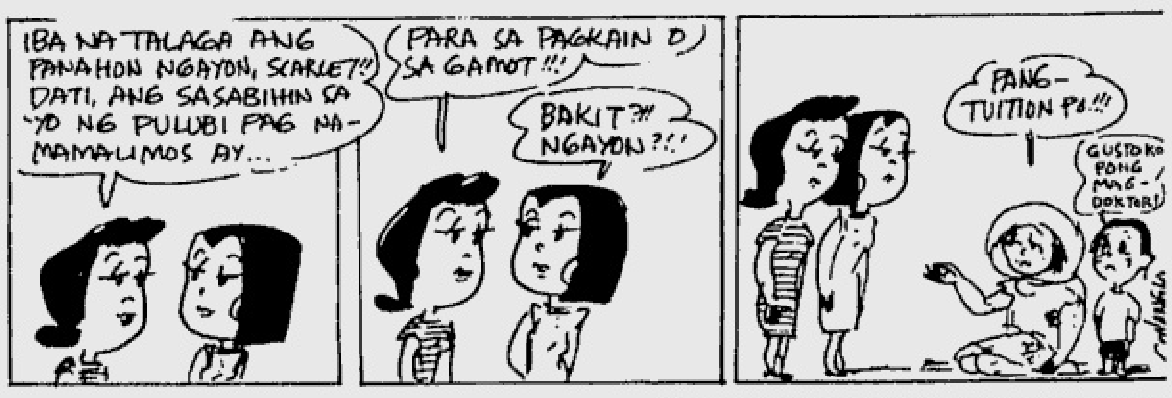
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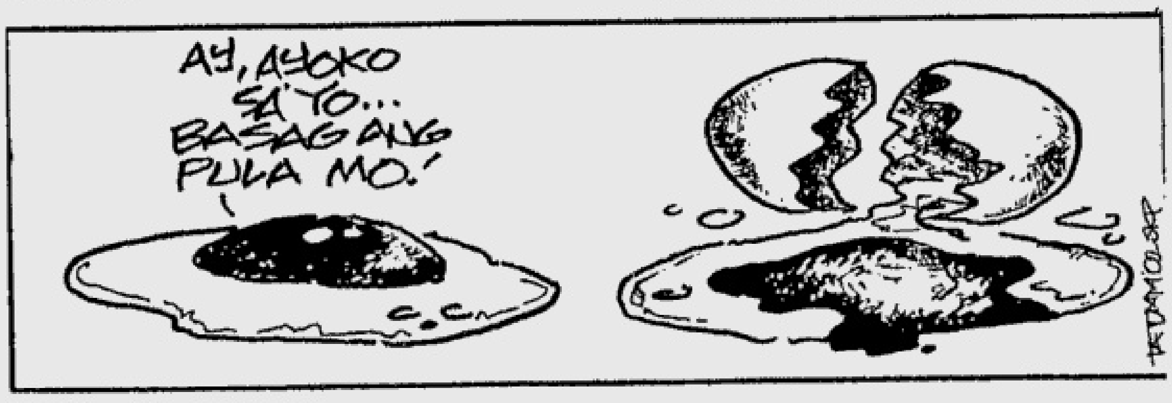
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Crash dieting can cause gallstone problems

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Sometimes, however, the stones don't stay put and travel into the cystic duct that connects the gallbladder to the small intestine. If they get stuck there and block the flow or bile, this can cause cholecystitis, or an inflammation of the gallbladder.

The stones can also get stuck in the bile ducts between the liver and the intestine and cause pain and jaundice. Pancreatitis or inflammation of the pancreas can occur if the stones obstruct the flow of digestive juices secreted by the pancreas into the small intestine.

Prolonged blockage in any of these ducts can cause severe damage to the gallbladder, liver, or pancreas, which can be fatal. So it's important to watch out for warning signs of gallstone problems: Severe pain in the upper abdomen that starts suddenly and lasts from 30 minutes to many hours, pain under the right shoulder or in the right shoulder blade, nausea or vomiting, indigestion after eating high-fat foods, such as fried food or desserts.

Why crash dieting can cause gallstones

People who lose more than three pounds a week have a greater chance of getting gallstones compared to people who lose weight more slowly. People who diet by consuming only 800 calories or less are also more prone to gallstones than people who lose weight by reducing caloric intake moderately.

Experts believe that dieting may cause a shift in the balance of bile salts and cholesterol in the gallbladder. The cholesterol level is increased and the amount of bile salts is decreased. Following a diet that is too low in fat or going for long periods without eating (like fasting or not eating breakfast) may decrease gallbladder contractions. If the gallbladder doesn't contract often enough to empty out the bile, gallstones may form.

Weight cycling also increases risk

Losing and regaining weight repeatedly is called weight cycling. This is common with people who crash diet because they don't learn good eating and exercise habits to maintain their weight loss. People who lose and gain more than 10 pounds repeatedly have a higher risk for gallstones than people who lose their weight sensibly and keep it off for good. Researchers are still not sure why weight cycling can cause gallstones.

Obesity is a risk factor

Being obese increases one's risk for getting gallstones. In fact, a large clinical study found that being even moderately overweight can increase one's risk—the more obese a person is, the higher the risk. For example, women who have a body mass index (a body weight method that compares your weight to your height) or BMI of 32 have triple the risk compared to women with a BMI of 24 to 25. A healthy BMI is between 18 and 25, the overweight range is 25 to 30, and obese is 30 or higher.

Researchers found that people who are obese may produce high levels of cholesterol. This can lead to the production of bile containing more cholesterol than it can dissolve. When this happens, gallstones can form. People who are obese may also have large gallbladders that do not empty normally or completely. Some studies have shown that men and women who carry fat around their midsections may be at greater risk for developing gallstones than those who carry fat around their hips.

> Women between 20 and 60 years old are twice as likely to develop gallstones as men

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Too little or too much fat bad for you

Too little fat in your diet can lead to gallstone formation, but so can too much fat. Italian researchers found that diets high in saturated fat and refined sugar and low in fiber can contribute to gallstone formation. It has also been suggested that diets that are high-cholesterol, high-protein, and low-fiber as well as diets that are high in starchy food (translation: low in fat but also low in fiber) can be part of the cause of gallstones.

It would seem that the best anti-gallstone diet is one high in fiber (fruits, vegetables, whole grains), moderate in fat (not more than 30 percent of the diet) and protein.

Exercise prevents gallstones

A study published in The New England Journal of Medicine in 1999 found that two to three hours a week of regular exercise reduced the risk of gallstones in women. Researchers found that women who spent more than 60 hours per week sitting, either while at work or while driving, had more than double the risk of gallbladder surgery. The study was done over a 10-year period and involved 60,000 women as part of what is called the Nurses Health Study. Based on their findings, the researchers recommend exercising at least 30 minutes a day, five times a week.

The Association of Fitness Professionals (AFPP) will hold a fitness seminar on June 22 at the Balay Kalinaw, UP Diliman. Topics include Kickboxing, Yoga, Cardio Ballroom, and Common Weight Lifting Injuries. Call Doris at 850-7647.

The Sports Medicine Association of the Philippines (SMAP) will hold its Basic and Advance Course every last Saturday of the month starting June 29 at the UST Medicine Building. It is open to physicians, nurses, physical therapists.

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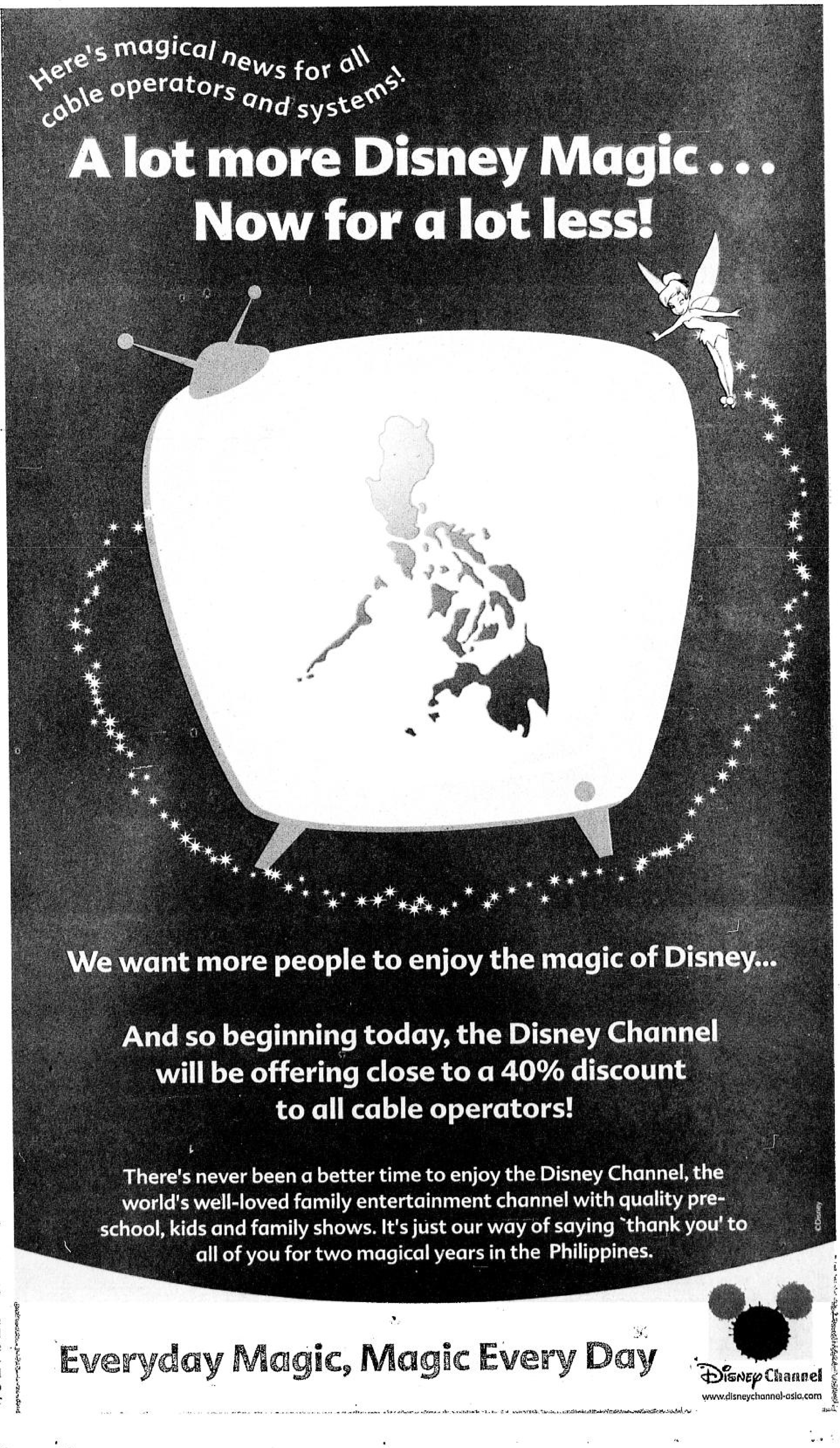

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WELL AND GOOD

Tina Aboitiz Juan

WHEN a client told me about a 16-year-old friend who was in the hospital suffering from gallstones, I wasn't surprised. I myself have four female friends who have had their gallbladders removed because of gallstone problems.

According to the US National Institute of Health, women between 20 and 60 years old are twice as likely to develop gallstones as men. This may have something to do with simply being female because pregnant women, and women who are on birth control pills or estrogen replacement therapy are also more prone to having gallstones.

But another reason is that many women are always trying to lose weight. It has been discovered that crash dieting or losing a lot of weight quickly can put you at a higher risk for gallstones.

One of my friends told me that her doctor mentioned seeing a lot of cases of gallstones in young women because of crash dieting. My friend had been following a very low fat diet for several years before her gallstone incident. My other three friends had been doing all sorts of crash diets on-and-off for a couple of years.

How gallstones are formed

Here's a primer from the NIH about how gallstones are formed. The gallbladder, a pear-shaped organ at the bottom of the liver, stores and releases bile into the intestines to help digestion. Bile is a liquid made by the liver. It contains water, cholesterol, bile salts, fats, proteins and bilirubin, a bile pigment. During digestion, the gallbladder contracts to release bile into the intestine where the bile salts help to break down fats. Bile also dissolves excess cholesterol.

According to researchers, gallstones are formed in three ways: When bile contains more cholesterol than it can dissolve, when there is too much of certain proteins or other substances in the bile that causes the cholesterol to form hard crystals, or when the gallbladder doesn't contract and empty its bile regularly.

Most gallstones remain silent, meaning they are there but you don't even know it because they aren't causing you any pain.

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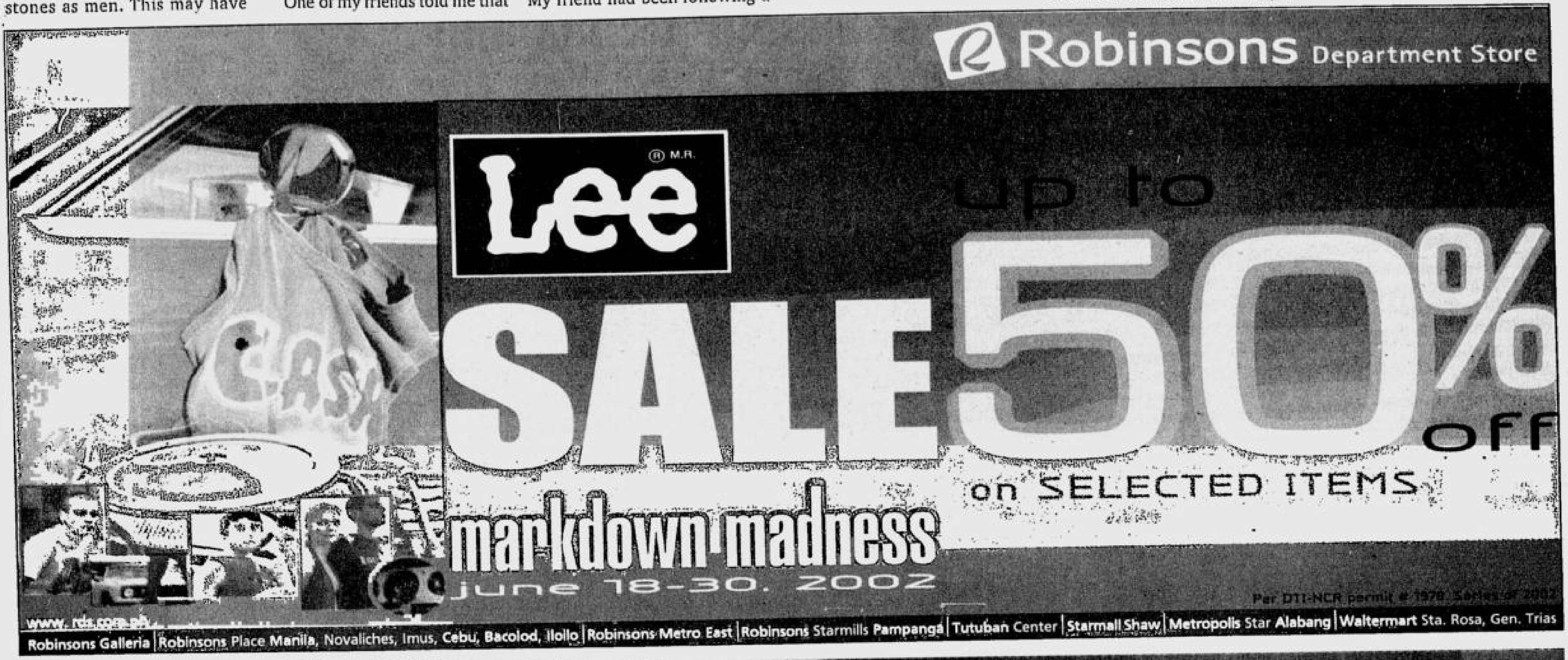
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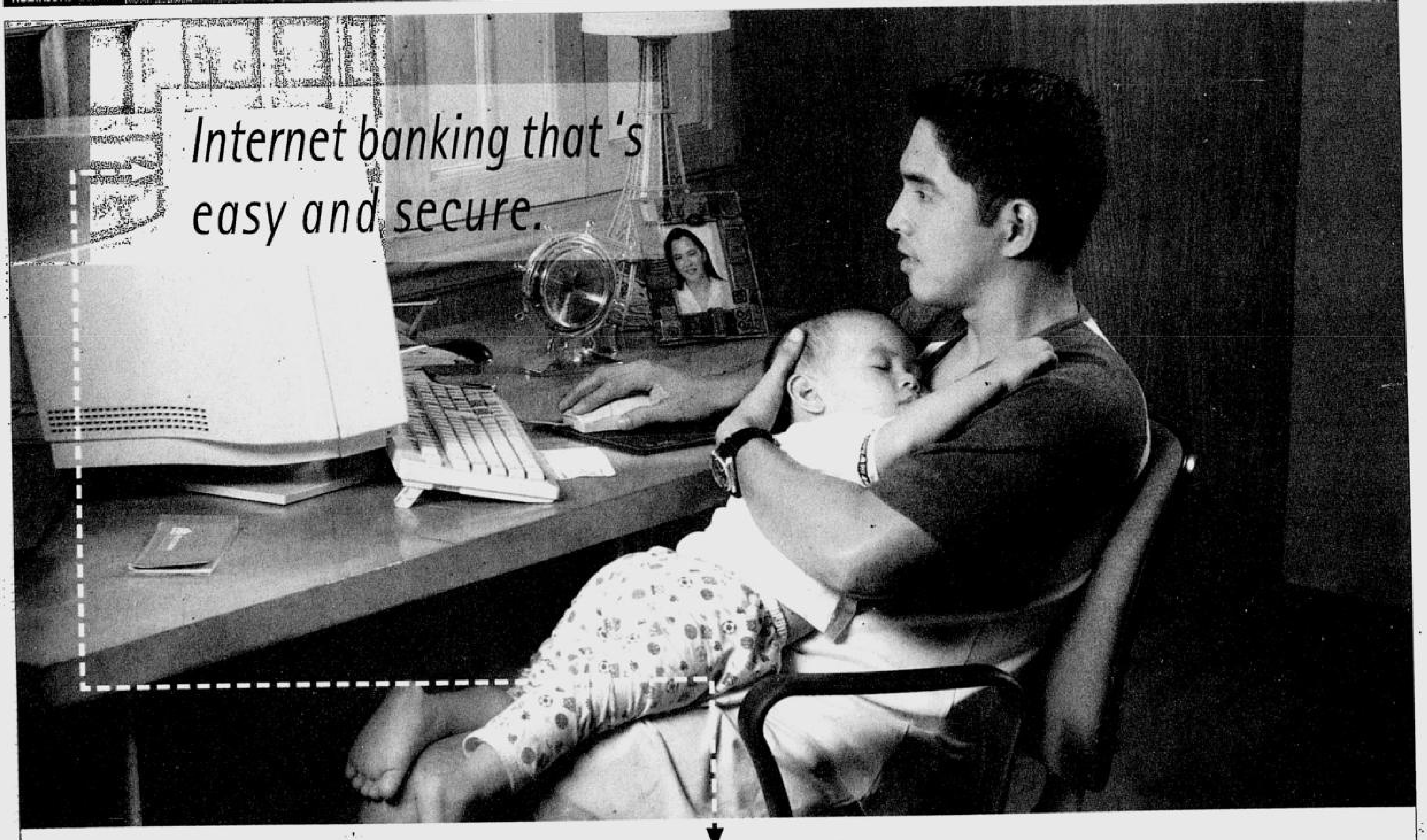
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